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Law Enforcement A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM MUST BE ADOPTED

By Norman W. Cox

At the last two annual meetings of the Mississippi Conference of judges they unanimously recommended to the Mississippi Legislature the following:

The office of sheriff and tax collector be separated.

A nine jury verdict be permitted in misdemeanor cases.

A State Bureau of Investigation be created.

Felonies be prosecuted on information, or affidavit.

A severance, in the discretion of the court, in felony cases less than capitol.

An alternate juror be added in felony cases less than capitol.

If anyone in the State of Mississippi knows the changes that we need in our laws to secure better observance and enforcement, certainly our judges do. The above recommendations represent their mature and deliberate and unanimous conclusion about what ought to be done to aid law enforcement in Mississippi with reference to new legislation. Their recommendations are not those of impulsive reformers. They are experienced men who work with the task regularly. They are intelligent men. They are patriotic men. They are men who stand on the side of righteousness and deserve the support of the public.

ELECT CANDIDATES WHO APPROVE ENFORCEMENT

And while they have unanimously recommended these recommendations they have failed to receive from the legislature the action that was necessary to make them law. The only way these recommendations are going to be enacted into law is for the people of Mississippi to elect a legislature and a governor this summer who will make these recommendations a part of their must program. We the people at home can talk to our candidates and see to

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ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT S. B. C. Louie D. Newton Re-elected President-1948 Convention At Memphis

The Annual 'Call'

(Ed. note: this article is condensed from the original full length article by Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Southern Seminary, Louisville, and distributed to members of his class in Church Administration.)

The practice of "the annual call", wherein the church calls or recalls its pastor each year, has become, among many churches, an increasing detriment to the progress of the work of both pastor and church.

The Church Administration classes of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have made special investigation concerning this problem and found "annual call" a disturbing practice in many of our churches. These students, desiring to live the level of their pastorates came to Dr. G. S. Dobbins for helpful suggestions and the following eight points are contained in his statement distributed to the classes:

1. The "annual call" has no justification in Scripture. The pastor is the "shepherd of the flock", and the shepherd does not change from year to year according to the fancy of the sheep. God calls men where He desires.

2. It does not benefit the church. The pastor is not the church's 'hired man' but its spiritual leader.

3. It puts a distinct handicap on the preacher. He can plan with security only a year at a time. It is manifestly unfair to him.

4. The "annual call" gives occasion for division in the church. If the pastor makes mistakes there are other ways of correcting them than by 'getting rid of him.'

5. Such a practice is wasteful and

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THE BAPTIST HOUR
Sunday morning May 18, 1947
USE YOUR BAPTIST HOUR TO
WIN THE LOST



DR. A. D. FOREMAN

Speaker: Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., Amarillo, Texas

Subject: "Man's Chief End".
Stations heard in MISSISSIPPI at 7:30 CST are WCBI, Columbus; WGRM, Greenwood; WSLI, Jackson, and WAML, Laurel.

May 25—Dr. Foreman will speak on "The God of All Comfort."

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Mississippians Named To Baptist Boards

The following Mississippians were named on various Southern Baptist Boards, Commissions and Committees at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Foreign Mission Board, Dr. W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg.

Home Mission Board, Dr. L. E. Green, Pascagoula.

Sunday School Board, Dr. Wyatt Hunter, McComb.

Relief and Annuity Board, Dr. R. B. Gunter, Pickens.

Board of Trustees of Southwestern Seminary, Rev. R. A. Morris, Newton.

Board of Trustees, New Orleans Seminary, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton.

Executive Committee, Dr. C. S. Henderson, Memphis and Rev. Chester Quarles, Leland.

Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Hospital, Dr. Frank M. Purser, Oxford.

Education Commission, Dr. L. T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain.

Social Service Commission, Rev. Edward L. Byrd, Meridian.

Radio Commission, Dr. Claude B. Bowen, Jackson.

Historical Society, Dr. J. L. Boyd, Clinton.

Executive Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood, Charles G. Bobo, Clarkdale, and Dr. Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs.

Baptist Brotherhood, Harry Smallwood, Laurel.

Committee on Order of Business, Rev.

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Selecting Memphis for the 1948 meeting place, unanimously re-electing Dr. Louie D. Newton as president, great gospel sermons by Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Texas and Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis highlighted the 1947 sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, May 7-11. Eight thousand three hundred and seventy-two messengers registered and there were probably as many visitors.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board respectively thrilled and inspired audiences of approximately 12,000 which packed Kiel Auditorium to hear and see dramatic presentations of the work of these great Southern Baptist agencies.

The President's Address

Dr. Louie D. Newton got the Convention off to a good start with an enlightening and inspiring address on Southern Baptists—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

He warned against moral disintegration in society and "the most determined and adroit campaign to batter down the wall that separates church and state ever made in this country."

Dr. Newton said that unceasing prayer must be the first and last approach to the tasks and problems facing Baptists today.

"Southern Baptists face a society of moral disintegration," he said. "Government, local, state and national, is making the fatal error of encouraging revenue from the vices of the citizenry. The home is under attack as never before and juvenile delinquency increases in alarming proportions. Southern Baptists are largely responsible for moral conditions in the South and we dare not retreat from this battleground."

Religious Liberty Threatened

Dr. Newton foresaw increasing threats to religious liberty in the continuance of Myron C. Taylor as the President's personal representative to the Vatican and in the recent decision of the Supreme Court authorizing the use of public funds to transport children to Catholic parochial schools.

After urging the convention to demand of President Truman why he has not called Taylor home, the speaker turned to the Supreme Court decision with these words:

"This ominous decision casts a shadow, now no longer, it may appear, than a man's hand, but portending a cloud that may be drifting over every hamlet and dale from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate to darken the torch of religious liberty in our beloved land."

"I plead with Southern Baptists, in this convention and out to the last church, to stand up and face this challenge to religious liberty."

"I say here today what I said in Washington after I sat and listened to the decision, namely, 'This ominous

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THRONGS THRILLED BY CRISWELL'S MESSAGE

Preaches on "All Sufficient Savior" at S. B. C. Convention

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, thrilled the Southern Baptist Convention as he preached on the "All-Sufficient Savior" at the annual session at St. Louis. The Scripture was Hebrews 9:24-10:22.

Dr. Claud Bowen of Calvary Baptist church in Jackson read the Scriptures. The audience listened with close attention as the message was delivered, on what to many Baptists is the heart of the gospel message.

Dr. Criswell said after a masterful presentation on the thought "Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures." This atonement is final and all-sufficient. Our sins are put away by this sacrifice of himself. The cross opened the flood-gates of love and pardon. Our redemption, forgive-

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DR. W. A. CRISWELL

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decision casts a shadow, now no larger, it may appear, than a man's hand, but portending a cloud that may be drifting out over every hamlet and dale from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate to darken the torch of religious liberty in our beloved land! . . .

The Message of Southern Baptists

"Christian democracy, the third idea dominant in tomorrow's world, is the message and the mission of Southern Baptists and all other children of God, who gladly make their designs in accordance with His intended destiny for the many sons whom He purposes to bring into glory. Jesus has stated the philosophy of Christian democracy once and for all, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another even as I have loved you.' From this commandment and all His other teachings, we adduce this design as our answer to tomorrow's world: 'What I have, I will share as you have need.'"

In sleepless vigilance until once again Washington and every other center of government in our free land shall know beyond any question that we will not compromise with political ecclesiasticism and clerical fascism on any terms whatsoever and that we will resist such encroachments in the conviction that they endanger every person and institution and sanctity which our fathers suffered to win for us, even at the sacrifice of life."

Spurn Debts

Warning against the assumption of debt by local churches, district associations, agencies and institutions "at this juncture of instability in our general economy," Dr. Newton observed that Southern Baptists "have suffered enough in the past from good intentions but unsound expansion. Neither peace nor prosperity are assured in Tomorrow's world," he said.

Dr. Newton contrasted the basic philosophy of Communism with that of Christian Democracy. The former, stated by its followers as "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need," was restated by the speaker as "What you have, I will take, if I can." He said the first example of Communism was the slaying of Abel by Cain. "Abel had something (the favor of God) which Cain coveted, but for which he was unwilling to pay the price," he said.

Opposing this concept, Dr. Newton said, was the philosophy of Christian Democracy which he summed up in the statement, "What I have; I will share, as you have need." He predicted the latter concept would achieve ultimate victory.

Fraternal messengers recognized included Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and Dr. J. C. Hazen, secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention. President Newton also presented Adolfs Eglitis, Vice-president of the Latvian Baptist Union; Carlos Purgalis; Barstow, Florida; Edward D. Gallen, Riga; John Bradbury, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lin, Shanghai, China; and Charles Chi, Shanghai, China.

Kansas Group Applies

A group of Kansas Churches presented a petition asking for membership in the Convention. It was referred to a committee composed of the following messengers:

E. H. Westmoreland, Tex., Chairman; Brougher Mattox, N.M.; M. Ray McKay, Ark.; Clyde Foster, Calif.; Paul Wheeler,

S. C.; R. K. Redwine, N. C.; T. W. Gaynor, La.; James M. Baldwin, Ill.; J. R. Davis, Miss.; Rupert Coleman, Va.; M. F. Swilley, Ga.; R. H. Tharp, Ariz.; Ross Dillon, Mo.; J. H. Avery, Ala.; Frank Wood, Tenn.; Robert Naylor, Okla; Carroll Hubbard, Ky.; W. Clyde Atkins, Md.; K. O. White, D. C.; Earl Eddington, Fla. This committee is to report at the 1948 Convention.

Executive Secretary, Dr. Duke K. McCall, presented the report of the Executive Committee. The following recommendations were adopted:

SECTION I

1. That we undertake to reach and exceed our goal of ten million dollars and one million tithers through the promotion of a special tithers enlistment campaign during the months of October, November, and December, 1947.

2. That the month of September be used as a period of preparation—that we call upon all state secretaries and their organizations, the executives of all Southwide agencies, and the leaders and workers in every department of our denominational organization — associational, state, and Southwide, to make this campaign the most intensive and thorough of any that Southern Baptists have ever undertaken.

3. That Sunday, October 5, be designated as Tithers Enlistment Day and that so far as possible all the churches be asked to launch the campaign to secure tithers for a ninety-day period on that day.

4. That a special tither's card be printed and made available to all the churches through the offices of the state secretaries to be used by the people in making their commitments to tithe during the months of October, November, and December.

5. That this special campaign for tithers be regarded not as a substitution for the program in which we are now engaged looking toward the enlistment of one million tithers and ten million dollars receipts, but that rather it be promoted as a means of enabling us to reach those goals by the end of 1947.

6. That all receipts from this special ninety-day tithing campaign be handled through regular channels including the existing allocation of percentages for both state and Southwide causes.

SECTION II

1. That the Convention adopt the report of the special committee appointed by the instruction of the Convention to define the relative functions of the Social Service Commission and the Public Relations Committee as follows:

Report of Special Committee on Functions of Public Relations Committee and Social Service Commission.

The committee appointed by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee on September 9, 1946, for the purpose of reporting on the relative functions of the Public Relations Committee and the Social Service Commission makes the following recommendations.

That in matters of common interest the Social Service Commission and the Public Service Commission and the Public Relations Committee co-operate to carry out the purpose of the Convention.

(1) That the scope and functions of the Public Relations Committee shall be as outlined in the report of that committee to the 1946 annual Convention (pages 118-119 of the Annual), the same being substantially the following:

a. To represent all the Baptists of this country in negotiations with our own and other governments whenever our principles are involved or our rights are endangered.

b. To explore, study, and advise Baptists concerning any and all federal legislation that violates the principle of the separation of Church and State.

c. To maintain the Baptist witness in the nation's capital, to appear before

Leavell To Lucedale

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the preacher in the revival at Lucedale Baptist Church, May 19-28, according to Pastor Fred B. Moseley.

The music will be directed by Professor W. Plunkett Martin, also of New Orleans Seminary.

congressional committees when measures are being considered that favor one religious faith above another, to formulate plans by which Baptist conviction shall find effective expression.

d. To act, when definite instructions are given by the Convention in regard to domestic situations; to protest to the proper authorities when Baptist principles are to any degree violated by our own government, and to appeal through diplomatic and other channels when in other lands any are made to suffer for conscience's sake, and to correlate the activities of other religious, fraternal, and civic organizations and agencies, as these activities coincide with the efforts of the Committee on Public Relations.

e. To stimulate through existing cultural and publicity agencies of all Baptist conventions, a comprehensive and general program of education in Baptist historic principles and witness.

(2) Regarding the Social Service Commission:

a. That the Social Service Commission shall seek to promote morality in

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expensive. The pastor spends the first year getting acquainted, the second year in learning the field, his third year in revitalizing the church program in light of discovered needs and not until his fourth or fifth year is he in position to reap an abundant harvest of cumulative planning.

6. The "annual call" has no analogy in good business. Imagine a bank employing a president for a year at a time. Any such arrangement would cheapen both the man and the concern.

7. It is a reflection on the intelligence and spirituality of a church that it knows its own mind and the will of God so poorly that it cannot trust either itself or Divine guidance for more than a year at a time.

8. The "annual call" is a cheap and unworthy device that most self-respecting churches have long ago given up and that most ministers who value their time and energy refuse to accept. It has so little to commend it that no newly-formed church should burden itself with such a provision in its constitution and by-laws.

MISSISSIPPIANS NAMED TO BAPTIST BOARDS

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James W. Parrish, Laurel.

W.M.U. Work, Mrs. Wilma P. Sledge, Jackson.

Committee on Boards, Rev. W. L. Day, Louisville.

Committee on Baptist Papers, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton.

Committee on Church Organizations, Melvin Roberts, Jackson; Dr. Norman W. Cox, Meridian; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia.

To Consider Kansas Application, Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany.

To Consider New Seminaries, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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it that men are elected who will back what our judges want done in order to obtain an improvement in law observance and enforcement. Our judges are helpless to take care of our needs unless we give them laws that will furnish them instruments of law and power by which they can accomplish what needs to be done.

In addition to the legal changes proposed by the judges we need some more legislation. Our laws with respect to the illegal sale of liquor and gambling need to be rewritten so as to carry out the intent of the present law. We need to close some gaps that are in the present law through which the bootleggers and gamblers and other law breakers in other categories escape. We need to increase the salaries of district attorneys and provide them with the help they need to do their work. A competent committee of our judges and prosecuting attorneys would know how to work out such a legislative program. Such a committee must be set up. We will not get as far as we need to go until the recommendations of the judges are enacted plus the strengthening of laws we already have.

Profiteers Will oppose Changes

We can depend upon these changes being fought by powerful interests that do not want them made. They will be opposed by those who profit financially out of the present situation. Those who profit financially out of the present situation are made up of those who want to break the law for a profit, and those who secure quite an income from serving as the lawyers of those who break the law for a profit, and some who through the combination of sheriff and tax collector would make more money they believe if the matter stood as it now stands.

It will not be easy to make these legal changes. A powerfully influential political lobby with a lot of money behind it will resist the effort. The people of Mississippi are going to have to decide whether they want improvement or not. They will decide by their attitude in the next six months.

This is the last of the series of articles that I am writing at this time on this subject. May the Lord awaken the people of Mississippi and lead them to do what they ought to do to meet the critical situation that confronts us.

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Mrs. Annie L. Pulliam recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Harmony Church, Tippah County. The Baptist Record is grateful for all such friends.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Toombsboro Church and Mrs. Lamar Coker, clerk, for a check for \$29 for the renewal of the EVERY FAMILY list of that good church for year.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

I

Our Financial Policy and Aim

1. It is to teach men to put God and the Kingdom first. With most professing Christians self, home, business, pleasure come first. After time, attention, energy, money have been given to other things, if there be any left the Kingdom may get it. God takes last place instead of first. The main object, therefore, must be to REVERSE THE ORDER. When a man is asked to become a tither, he is asked to establish as a life principle the habit of putting God first. This, of course, gets the tithe, but it does vastly more; it gets the tither. It creates a new race of Christians who put God and His Kingdom where they rightfully belong—FIRST.

2. To teach men to recognize and acknowledge God's ownership. God owns the property, land, money, and income which we call our own. It is God's world. The gold and the silver belong to Him. This point many church members do not and will not recognize, much less acknowledge. Here the tithing system is vital. The teaching is that the tithe in a special sense belongs to God. We, therefore, do not ask a man to tithe to pay the preacher, or the debt, but we ask him to pay to God what already belongs to Him. If a Christian will recognize God's ownership of the tithe, he will recognize God's ownership of all.

3. To teach men that God's ratio of giving is the tenth. On this point much teaching is necessary. Some have given when they felt like it, and most of the time they don't feel like it. Others give what their fathers and grandfathers gave. Others give as little as possible and still maintain a semblance of religious self-respect. Some give less than one per cent; some less than five per cent. But God's ratio through the ages has always been the one-tenth.

4. To teach that tithing is an act of worship. Someone has said that worship is self-giving to God. A man's money is a part of himself, his brain, his brawn, his energy. When he gives money he gives a part of himself back to God. His tithe is not merely answering a temporary financial call; it is given as an act of worship. He goes to the Lord's house on the Lord's day, he mingles with the Lord's people, he partakes of the Lord's Supper, and he puts into the Lord's treasury the Lord's money. It is a supreme act of worship. Now, if a campaign on the tithing system is put upon this high plane, the money will come, to be sure, but a greater result will follow. The whole church will be lifted. Out of selfish, negligent, self-satisfied churches can be made real churches of Jesus Christ.

The MAIN DRIVE, therefore, is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money, but the man; not the possession, but the possessor.

"To press the principle of the tithe to secure ready money is to do violence against God's purpose as well as against the tither. Preaching high truth for revenue only awakens suspicion. We must not cheapen a great message."

—E. D. ELLIOTT

Late Monday afternoon after busy office hours answering correspondence and a hurried business trip to Vicksburg we had a very pleasant hour with the Mississippi College B.S.U. Brother O. L. Malone is proving to be a very fine B.S.U. secretary. Brother Sam Cockeran is the very fine president of B.S.U. He comes of a very fine family. Brother Herbert Batson was in the meeting and has made a great assistant in the work of the Clinton church. We met for the first time our new pastor, Brother Nolan Kennedy. He is quite pleasing in personality and we hear many good things about him and his family. He has started off in a real spiritual leadership.

We were delighted to talk to the group on "The Organization, Officers, and Work of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Tuesday morning we were at the official opening and dedication of our Baptist Book Store in their very lovely new building at 113 North President street. This is just across the street from the side of their old location. Dr. Holcomb, Executive Secretary, Dr. Ingram, Business Manager, and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Book Store Manager, along with all others, are to be congratulated over this magnificent new home for the Book Store. It is second to none.

We had been in ten consecutive weeks of conferences, conventions, and revivals in addition to office work, pulpit supply, and so forth. We had expected to meet three individual speaking engagements this week spending much time in the office and some with the family. Brother J. A. Barnhill, indefatigable worker and faithful pastor, came to us asking that we help him in a series of services in Alta Woods. Such an appeal was just too hard to turn down so we were delighted to preach the gospel for him and the other saints there. He preached the first part of the meeting and laid the foundation for all the work that was done. There were 49 persons walking the aisle for Christ by letter or on profession of faith. It was undoubtedly one of the greatest meetings held in Mississippi in a long time. A new church was organized with exactly 60 members. We noted that practically all the members came from churches altogether too far removed from their residence for their contacts to be vital in any real way. Brother Jack Bilbo did good work as song leader while Mrs. Flowers and Mrs. Maude Wilson Womack took turns at the piano in the evenings we were in the services. They plan to erect a temporary tabernacle Friday and Saturday. Another New Testament church has been born! Doxology!

We were at a delightful buffet supper in the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Nelson. The affair was honoring our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Nolan Kennedy. We are all happy to have our pastor and his family on the field.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson are naturally highly pleased along with all the rest of us over the near completion of another dormitory and the fact that they expect to see the opening of the Administration building by September.

The Van Winkle Baptist Church on Sunday observed the ninth anniversary of its organization. The congregation in the morning service packed and over-

ran the lovely auditorium. Pastor Herman Milner was manifestly pleased with the entire proceeding. He has proved a splendid leader to this fast growing church. Some 159 new members have been added to the church within the last twelve months bringing the total membership to 506. We had the privilege of bringing the morning message. There were eight additions. An enjoyable dinner on the ground was served.

In the afternoon we enjoyed something of a family reunion with several members of the family.

III

Sunday evening we were at Central Baptist Church, McComb, helping observe the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Fred B. Bookter. The church presented him and the family with a check in the amount of \$1000, or \$100 for each year in that pastorate. It was deserved and a very gracious expression on the part of the church. Brother Bookter is not only a fine Christian personality, a good pastor, an excellent preacher, but is proving to be a splendid denominational leader as well. In the ten years they have received 554 members, and their gifts to missions have grown from \$310.00 in 1936 to \$5,222.00 in 1946. Doxology! There were three addition during the day.

IV

The newly organized Alta Wood Baptist Church near Jackson with Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor, organizes Thursday night, makes a love gift of \$50 which is put into the work as their first contribution, Friday and Saturday erect a temporary tabernacle as a place of worship until they get into their building unit, and plan to baptize within a few days. That is a mighty fine record.

In fact the King's Business is picking up generally in Hinds-Warren Association. Warren County is conducting missions, organizing new churches, doing a fine work among the Negroes, the churches are growing, buildings are being erected, and a fine county mission program is being conducted.

In Hinds County, Bolton is completing a new building program, new churches are being organized, several of the churches in Jackson and outside are growing by leaps and bounds.

To the north, Madison church is planning to build, the church life is revitalized, while at Ridgeland, Mississippi College students borrowed the building of the Episcopalian Church for a series of services and so the King's Business grows and grows. Doxology!

We are indebted to the LeTourneau Foundation for a Gospel Trailer which we feel will be very useful. Dr. R. G. LeTourneau and Mrs. LeTourneau have been very sympathetic and considerate concerning our work. Dr. Harold Strathearn, of the Foundation, has also proved to be a great spirit. Doxology!

VI

There comes to our desk a very attractively bound copy of "Memories of John R. Sampey." This is published by the Broadman Press. Particularly those who studied under Dr. Sampey and all who knew and loved him whether they studied under him or not will want a copy of this volume. It may be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

"The Bible in Mission Lands", is a new, attractive and interesting Revell book. It is the story of the penetration and power of the Bible in many lands. The price is \$1.50, and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, 113 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

VII

A wild-eyed Socialist is reported as saying at a meeting of his followers: "The present policy of the church is this: You may come here and get God's (Continued On Page Fourteen)

Southern Seminary Graduates, 218 And 8 In Music, Dr. Fuller Warns Preachers

The members of the graduating class of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., were warned against the danger of allowing their preaching ministry to degenerate into "a paved highway to prestige, fame, power, and financial remuneration," in an address by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary, at the annual commencement exercises, May 2.

The life the Christian minister lives is even more important than the sermons he preaches, Dr. Fuller declared. "The fact that you have a glorious gospel to preach may blind your eyes to an even more important fact—that you have a life to live, a life in which the truths of the gospel you preach must be demonstrated," he said.

Degrees and diplomas were awarded to 218 men, the largest class ever to be graduated from the Seminary. In addition, a class of six women and two men were graduated from the

Wayne Coleman Elected State B. S. U. President

Wayne Coleman, of Louisville, was elected president of the state Baptist Union, at the annual Spring B.S.U. retreat held at Sunflower Junior College, studying for the ministry. He is majoring in English.

Headliner of the program at Moorehead was Miss Francis Barber, of the Southwide B.S.U. office at Nashville.

The theme of the meeting was "The Power of God", and this theme was carried through in discussions and talks made at the meeting. All messages delivered were based on this theme.

Special speakers on the program were Rev. David Cranford, Indianola and Rev. A. L. Gatewood, of Itta Bena.

Chester L. Quarles, Leland, was the final speaker. Mr. Quarles' address was an inspirational challenge to the B.S.U. entitled "The Challenge to the B.S.U."

School of Church Music of the Seminary, the first class to be graduated since the school was established, three years ago.

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Pastors Won't Strike But !!

The heading, alone, is revolting, isn't it? Unheard of, you say! Sure it is and will continue to be as long as God calls men to "preach the Word"... but... in light of standards and values of the post-war era, why should pastors continue in the lower level of the income brackets? Everybody else is organized and unionized. Other professions and tradesmen are striking for higher wages, better conditions, easier hours, more pleasant relationships, not to mention "portal to portal" pay, and accident and health benefits. We, the public, are prone to sympathize with these groups because we, ourselves, are the average public who must 'foot the bill' of increased wages and these people, who go on strike, are in many instances our friends and relatives. It is human to suggest that beneficial betterments be provided for those who work for wages.

But... how often do we consider the pastor as working for wages... and how censorious we would be if he went on strike for the same reason other workers strike?

I do not speak for myself. It has been my good fortune to be the pastor of churches that cared for their pastor in every way and paid a decent salary and the salary was always paid on time without asking. I have a right to feel for my fellow brethren who find themselves in less fortunate positions yet would not think of mentioning a change in any of the characteristics which we have mentioned above.

Rational analysis is in order. Sure, the pastor won't go on strike but there are certainly times when he feels like it... and in the realm of the human... would be justified. Just list those 'reasons', again, in your mind and discern whether or not your pastor is entitled to

some changes... for the better... from the congregation: (1) higher wages: column after column has been written of this matter and yet so many churches have failed to adjust the salary to meet higher costs of living... but you expect your pastor to be well dressed, well fed and live the same high level of standards in your community that YOU live and he can't do it on a 1940 salary level. (2) easier hours: the pastorum is like Grand Central station, always open and doing business at all hours. But, does your pastor complain? (3) better conditions: you can run the gauntlet in this category and do your own preaching. (4) more pleasant relationships: much could be said in constructive criticism but why bother. . . relationships between pastor and people won't change until the hearts of people change... and until consideration replaces criticism... well let's stop there. (5) "portal to portal pay": not the same category as the miners but what about (a) the demands for extra contributions to every charitable cause in the community for which the pastor is number one on every list, (2) the books in his library, (3) the constant use, wear and tear on his car, and (4) items too numerous to mention. . . all of these are expected on his present salary basis and after these he can feed, clothe and care for his family. (6) accident and health benefits: the pastor who is not afforded a regular vacation, with full salary and pulpit supply, is going to end up, sooner or later, in need of a long vacation without pay. The pastor who refuses to insist on such terms is not treating his congregation nor himself to the best to which the church is entitled. Of course, the pastor who is 'afraid' to take a vacation is something else again and his church will find it out sooner or later to his sorrow.

Unless people have changed these suggestions will be both criticized and praised. The one who criticizes will be the ones who are afraid of the truth and the ones who praise will show good common sense in a problem which needs common sense and more than that... PRAYER... because your pastor happens to be a human being whom God has called to serve 'in His name' and rather than offend the church will continue to labor under conditions which you would praise others striking against.

As Lawson Cooke said last year at the Mississippi Brotherhood convention, "don't get BEHIND the pastor... get up there along side of him and help him".

The Baptist Way

We recently heard of an incident which should be the exception but is far too often the rule. A pastor told us of a man who came to him seeking a conference on "how" to join his church. Upon inquiry it developed the inquirer had been a BAPTIST for a quarter of a century and wasn't sure if he had to be "baptized all over again" in order to establish fellowship with one particular church. It's not as humorous as it appears on the surface! Frequently we have been told that 'so-and-so' would have 'come forward' if the doors of the church had been opened when the invitation was given. Most Baptist pastors 'open the doors' every time the Gospel is preached and those who wish to present themselves 'upon promise of letter' from another church of like faith and order have the privilege and KNOW THEY HAVE.

We could have gotten to the point sooner but the above may help some Baptists to realize there are no involved matters of 'red tape' when they wish to transfer from one Baptist church to another. However, we have the woods filled with recalcitrant Baptists who fail to 'move' their letters to the church in the community where they live, work and ARE SUPPOSED TO WORSHIP. Count noses the next time you are in service and discover the number of unchurched Baptists in your congregation. THE BAPTIST WAY is to present yourself for fellowship the very first Lord's Day you are in your new community. To remain out of fellowship is to deny Christ and His church. To remain out of fellowship is dangerous to the Spiritual life. Baptists, those who love the Lord and wish to participate in the evangelistic and missionary program of living and giving to the cause of Christ, don't wait to be asked to join the church in their community... THEY TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

If you, reader friend, are one of the unchurched Baptists, let us suggest that next Sunday morning you present yourself for membership in the Baptist church of your choice and start working and worshipping with those who are already at work. The longer you 'put it off' the easier it will be for you to deny the program of Christ in the local New Testament Baptist church.

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Unemployed Pray-ers

In a recent reading of a book on "Prayer" an idea was mentioned that seems out-of-the-ordinary. The author spoke of how much time was "wasted" that could be

used in praying. He cited the women sweeping the house, men working in the fields, groups going places in buses and trains, as examples.

In addition to the general application of this idea, we began to think about the "unemployed pray-ers" available with wonderful power for God's Kingdom. By "unemployed pray-ers" we mean Christians who do not hold places of leadership or official offices in the various churches. They seem to think of themselves as "unemployed" in the churches. Ask them and they will say, "I don't do anything, I'm just a member and attend." They seem to think the only ones who do things are the ones "employed in official places," as presidents of organizations, singers, ushers and other workers.

There is a great host of shut-in people whose names are on the books of churches, and doubtless who feel they cannot DO ANYTHING for their Master. There are the blind members. There are the mothers of tiny babies who must stay close at home. There are firemen, policemen, dairy workers and many other groups who cannot be "officials" in the church activities, who COULD pray.

What would it mean if that shut-in woman who lives close to God would daily, hourly, beseech the God of the Kingdom for the sake of the ones who are actively working at the tasks of the Lord? Would they feel some strange new power? Would the preacher's messages be surprisingly effective? Would the everyday lives of the church leaders be touched with a glow that marked them as different from the "people of the market places"? Think of the aged, blind Christians, waiting "the call to come Home." How fast the time would pass with them if every hour they talked with God in pleading for His people at home and around the word that His people might be wholly dedicated to Him! Let us hear if the "unemployed pray-ers" would like to spend hours in communion with God as intercessors?

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Is Your Pastor A Flunkie?

In too many of our churches the pastor turns out the lights, heats the water for the baptistry, fires the furnace, checks the thermostat, distributes the song books, prints the bulletin, waters the lawn, trims the shrubs, sweeps the sidewalks, unlocks and locks up the church. And we still expect him to bury the dead, visit the sick, enlist the uninterested, lead a spiritual mid-week prayer service, and preach two inspiring sermons each Sunday. Little wonder that most preachers move on to the next town within two years!—Baptist New Mexico.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Dr. Grady Cox, pianist, and Mrs. Grady Cox, mezzo-soprano, members of the music faculty of Mississippi College, Clinton, were presented in recital by several music clubs in the state during Music Week. Sunday, May 4th, Mrs. Cox sang in Hattiesburg. Monday evening, May fifth, the Cadman Music Club of Poplarville presented Dr. and Mrs. Cox in recital at Pearl River Junior College. Tuesday evening, May sixth, the Music Club of Collins sponsored a program by the two musicians. Later in the month they will give programs in other Mississippi towns.

NOT MY WILL by Francena H. Arnold is the story of the experiences of Eleanor Stewart, who discovers that fortune plays strange tricks on people who try to manage their lives to please themselves. A young heiress, quite willful, seeks vainly for peace in work, in love and in self-abnegation until she surrenders her life completely to Christ. The book has a real spiritual message and though her trials do not end Eleanor learns to claim strength and grace and courage to follow **NOT MY WILL**, but the will of Christ. The novel is easy to read, and will be profitable for young and old alike. Order for \$2.50 from the publishers, Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois, or from the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. A. E. Lucas of Columbus recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from McCondy Church. Pastor Lucas is a firm friend of the Baptist Record and proves it by his deeds.

On Sunday, April 27th, The Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, of which Dr. F. M. Powell is pastor, broke all previous attendance records in Sunday School and Training Union. A goal of 450 had been set for Sunday School; it was exceeded by 15. The Training Union goal was 125, and the final count was 143. George W. Neffery is Sunday School Superintendent, and Fred W. Davis is Training Union Director.

First Church, Shelby, North Carolina, will celebrate its centennial June 15-22. The pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall, states that the following outstanding Southern Baptists will have parts on the program: Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Dr. Chas. H. Durham and Dr. Sankey Blanton.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates the following words from Dr. T. W. Young of Corinth: "Please renew my subscription for the Record. You are giving us a fine readable and informative paper. I do not see how you can do so much and do everything so well. I enjoy its weekly visits."

The Summer School at Southwestern Seminary will be held May 26 to July 18. Courses in all three schools—theology, religious education and sacred music—will be offered. The summer session will be divided into two four week units. Students may enroll for either half of the term, May 26-June 20, or June 23-July 18, or for the full eight weeks in certain courses.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a check for \$78 and 78 names, new and renewal from Eudora Church, Rev. E. C. Horton, pastor. The list was sent by Deacon Chas. P. Dockery who is a long time friend of the Baptist Record.

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 7—The graduating class of Blue Mountain College has elected its permanent officers as follows: President, Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tenn.; vice-president, Joyce Hall, Meridian; secretary-treasurer, Jane Ray Bean, Louisville, Kentucky; and historian, Floris Gore, Marks. After graduation in June, the class will become a permanent unit of the National Alumnae Association.

Mississippi College Y.W.A. Observes Focus Week



Photo by Emmet Photo Shop, Clinton

CLINTON INTERMEDIATES ENJOY FORMAL BANQUET

One of the highlights of Intermediate Training Union of the Clinton Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, April 29, sponsored by Mrs. W. H. Shores and the Euzelian Bible Class.

The program began with the group singing "Christ For Me" led by Herbert Batson. The Invocation was pronounced by John Evans. The Rev. Nolan Kennedy, pastor, served as toastmaster. He introduced the following who took part on the program: Piano solo, Ann Douglas; vocal solo, Betty Jo Connolly; trio, Janet Baxter, Betty Jo Connolly, and Mary Barnhill; and a reading by Miss Nellie Magee. Mr. Shelby Rogers entertained the group with tricks of magic.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Shores presented Mr. and Mrs. John M. Evans with a lovely tray, a gift from the Intermediates, in appreciation of the fine work done by them as Director and Leader of the Intermediate Department. Mr. Evans is completing his work at Mississippi College and both are planning to enter Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, for the summer term. The group was dismissed with prayer by Bobby Hanahan.

Those enjoying the evening were: Betty Jo Connolly, Ann Lipsey, Betty Reichman, Betty Shores, Betty Ruth Jones, Marion Douglas, Melina Delashment, Janet Baxter, Mary Barnhill, Melba Benton, Grace Kitchens, Melva Landrum, Lenell Miller, Ann Douglas, Homer Ainsworth, Johnny Wallace, DeWight Young, David Young, Hainon Miller, William Winstead, Robert E. Carr, Bobby Hanahan, Ralph Morriston, Buford Langston, Jimmie Byrd, Bob Barnett, Bill Barnett, Joe Albritton, Jimmie Hayden and Mr. and Mrs. John Evans. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Nolan Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Rogers of Jackson, Miss Nellie Magee and Herbert Batson.

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PATTY LOU-THE FLYING NURSE by Basil Miller of Pasadena, California, is an inspiring story which follows his Ken and Patty Lou adventure tales. Patty Lou and her brave friends flew to a faraway island where wounded paratroopers were waiting for help—or death. The prayer of the crew of the flying ambulance was answered as the dying paratroopers were rescued. Dr. Miller's contributions to Christian literature have met with success, and have placed him among America's outstanding Christian journalists. Order for 60 cents from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Young Women's Auxiliary at Mississippi College observed Focus Week on March 9-14. On March 13 the Woman's Missionary Society of Clinton Church gave the Y.W.A. girls a banquet honoring their fortieth anniversary as an organization. Eighty girls were present for the banquet. Seated left to right at the speakers table in the foreground are: Mrs. A. K. Godbold, acting president of the W.M.S., Nell Magee, Y.W.A. representative on the B.S.U. Council; Mrs. Harold C. Basden, who played the marimba; Annelie Horne, president; Miriam Hollis, toastmistress; Mrs. J. H. Street, speaker for the banquet; Mrs. George W. Riley, who gave a history of the Y.W.A.; Mrs. Alec McKeigney and Mrs. L. A. Lemasson, sponsors of the Y.W.A.

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Webb Sunday School has broken its previous Sunday School attendance three times in the past two months.

Mrs. C. B. Goodin of Oak Grove Church Simpson County, recently sent a new and renewal list for 66 names. Such lists greatly encourage all the Baptist Record workers.

BE A NURSE

Few occupations today offer the opportunity for service to humanity that the Graduate Nurse enjoys.

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OF OUR
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W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary
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P. O. Box 530,
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BROTHER STREET LEAVES DEPT.

When Brother Street reaches heaven there will be a special reward for the magnificent job that he has done the past two years as Secretary of our Brotherhood Department. Surely God was in his coming to this place at that strategic time. No man among us, either pastor or layman could have dignified the office more than did Jimmy. He did a stupendous task, but with the shepherd heart that he has, it was natural that the Lord would lead him back into the pastorate. Surely the Brotherhood throughout our state and Southland will remember Brother Street and the jewel that he has for a wife, as they go to Second Avenue in Laurel.

**MR. E. C. WILLIAMS IS
CONSIDERATE**

For two and one-half years it has been the privilege of your secretary to be associated with one of God's noblemen. Certainly no one deserves more honor and expects less than does Mr. E. C. Williams. Our fellowship has been unsurpassed with any two individuals. When the Executive Committee through Dr. McCall offered me this new field of work, Mr. Williams was the first to offer his congratulations. He released me immediately and did it graciously. He is one of the most gracious men that we have known.

Brother Cooke says: "Remember, the Brotherhood—whether Church, Associational, or State—is always an integral part of our denomination, never an auxiliary to it. No meeting must be held, or action taken, which is inconsistent with the general program, or contrary to the welfare of the church or denomination, or any department thereof."

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**Bowmar Avenue To Observe
Homecoming Day May 25**

Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, has embarked upon a great building program which will call for the erection of an entire new church plant and for the expenditure of more than \$100,000. Sunday, May 25, has been designated as Homecoming Day, at which time the building program will be officially launched.

Pastor Homer W. Roberson and the membership of Bowmar Avenue Church extend a cordial invitation to all former members and pastors and friends to join with them in the all-day program. Lunch will be served at the church by the ladies.

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Police Chief Dan E. L. Patch of Ypsilanti, Michigan has for his avocation fishing, hunting, and writing religious fiction. A recent story is *LINDA LU COMES THROUGH*. Trouble, disappointment and fear made sixteen-year old Linda Lu Armstrong's life monotonous. She longed for happiness. A strange combination of adventures changed her life and as you read the book you too will remember that Linda Lu's God can bring you through, when everything seems to be wrong. Order from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is 75 cents.

**Y. F. C. Brings Bron
Clifford To Jackson**

Dr. Bron Clifford, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, 28 years of age and one of America's greatest youth speakers, will be guest speaker at Jackson Master Youth For Christ Rally Saturday night, May 17 at 7:45 in Central Hi Auditorium. Also on the program will be the Belhaven Singers, William Lowrey Compere on the marimba, and the Y.F.C. Trio.

Dr. Clifford has recently turned down his 7-year, million dollar movie contract to preach the gospel. He was chosen to play Marcellus in "The Robe," but gave up the opportunity to be an actor.

His father, Dr. Phillip Henry Clifford, pastor for many years at the First Presbyterian Church, Boston, Mass., was a frequent speaker at Tremont Temple in that city.

Bron Clifford was educated in liberal arts in Grove City College, Pennsylvania, where he completed his pre-legal course in preparation for a career in law and political science. In April 1936, while in college, he turned to Christ as Savior and Lord. Later, he experienced a definite call to the ministry so clear and forceful that he laid aside all his plans concerning the study of law and responded by entering Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Clifford was recognized by "Who's Who Among Speakers" years ago and was described as one of America's greatest speakers. He has appeared before hundreds of student bodies in the United States and Canada, which include high schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. He has preached to congregations totaling millions of people in the past eight years.

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**YOUTH WEEK OBSERVED
AT SOUTHSIDE MERIDIAN**

The Young people of South Side Baptist Church of Meridian were kept busy the week of April 20-27 as the church observed YOUTH WEEK. Officers of the various organizations of the church watched the young people take over for a week. Each night during the week there was something at the Church for them.

On Wednesday night the prayer service was conducted by young people with the Youth Pastor presiding. On Sunday April 27, the Youth Officers were in charge of the Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood. At both morning and evening service the Youth Pastor presided with the Youth Choir leading the music at the evening service.

On Monday night April 28, the Young People enjoyed a banquet in the basement of the church when a tempting menu was served. The program consisted of different young people expressing their feelings and appreciation for youth week. Approximately 80 enjoyed the banquet. The youth of the church said that they were helped in many ways by youth week and especially in a spiritual way. On the closing Sunday two fine young men of the church volunteered for full time service.

Rev. Estus Mason is pastor of the church and Miss Ethel McKeithen is Educational Director.

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Mrs. W. S. Martin recently sent a new list of 41 names from Pleasant Grove Church, Jones County. Such lists as that count.

Department Of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 - Phone 3-9106 - Jackson
MERLE WALLEY, Office Secretary

Several months ago an interesting cartoon appeared in a magazine. In it Uncle Sam was standing in front of a beautiful farm home watching the young men and women as they marched away to war to fight the enemy attacking from without. Streams of insects were pouring under one of the back corners of the home, causing it to topple from the rear.

This was a true picture of America. We rose up as a man to whip the enemy attacking from without while our most formidable enemies were holding high carnival within. The battle with these enemies within our borders continues. The licentiousness of this day is almost alarming. Sin, iniquity, divorce, juvenile delinquency, crime of every description, political

corruption and lawlessness hold high carnival in our national life. These must be attacked effectively or chaos will be the result. To adequately deal with these things, we believe every county in our state needs to organize a Christian Citizens League, through which organization we hope to awaken our Christian people to a unified effort to usher in a new day.

No wonder we hear so much about juvenile delinquency. Judge Fred F. Baile, Juvenile Judge in Ohio, said, "The human race is the only part of God's creation that will prey on its young." Between right and wrong there can be no common ground except a battle ground. Surely that is true in this fight for civic righteousness and against alcoholic beverages.

45 Added At Juniper Grove

According to Miss Ethel Barnette, the recent revival at Juniper Grove was one of the greatest in the history of the church. Good crowds attended throughout the meeting.

Rev. J. D. Walker, pastor of First Church, Calhoun City, did the preaching and Luther Harrison, State Music Secretary, led the singing. The people were greatly delighted with their services.

There were 45 additions, 34 by baptism. Other additions are expected. The pastor, Rev. D. Wade Smith, continues to grow in the estimation of the Juniper Grove people.

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**IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED
BY BILOXI BAPTISTS**

The First Baptist Church building in Biloxi has recently received a new coat of paint inside and out. Acoustical tile has been installed in the ceiling and on the back wall of the main auditorium. Fluorescent lights have been installed in the greater portion of the church, and will be placed in the auditorium when available. A new gas range, G.E. refrigerator, automatic water heater and a stainless steel sink with cabinets have been installed in the church kitchen, the latter, a gift from one of the members. The floor of the main auditorium is to be covered with carpet within the next few weeks.

The Long Range Planning Committee met recently to consider plans for relieving the overcrowded condition of the present building.

Discussed in detail was a preliminary sketch of a three story annex to house the Nursery, Beginner, Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday School, the Day-nursery and Kindergarten, and the electric work shop.

These departments are occupying the first and fourth floors of the present educational annex, resulting in a crowding of facilities for adults as well as for the departments named.

At the proper time these plans will be submitted to the church for consideration, along with plans for a pipe organ and chimes for the auditorium, a concrete tennis court and an outdoor furnace on the rear lawn of the church.

**PASTOR'S ATTEMPTED
ATTACK CAUSES UPROAR**

A pre-convention meeting of 1000 Southern Baptist pastors at the Second Baptist Church, 500 North Kingshighway, was thrown into an uproar late yesterday when Dr. J. Frank Norris attempted to gain the floor to continue his attacks on Dr. Louis D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., president of the convention.

The meeting was called to enable the pastors to exchange ideas. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of the Third Baptist Church, 620 North Grand bl., had concluded an address, and Dr. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, was preparing to speak when Dr. Norris sought the floor.

Dr. Norris, pastor of a church in Fort Worth, Tex., and one in Detroit, said he desired to ask Dr. Newton 13 questions concerning his views on Russia. Dr. Norris has been describing Dr. Newton as a Russian appeaser ever since the Southern Baptist leader visited the country last summer.

An unidentified pastor strode to the front of the audience to lead it in the lusty singing of a hymn.

The first lines of the hymn were: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound to a believer's ear."

Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., chairman of the meeting, told Dr. Norris the session was informal and not designed to the putting of such questions. He then asked the audience if it desired to hear the questions, and there was a thunderous reply of "No!"

Dr. Norris then left the meeting.

Dr. Newton made his talk after Dr. Norris left, opening with: "Never have I been more grateful for the Christian forbearance of the Southern Baptists."

Dr. Newton warned his listeners they must be concerned about Communism "as it is subtly spreading into classrooms and publications. "I hope we stand together as one, to go forth and preach the halt of Communism."

When the conference ended, he was surrounded by pastors who assured him of their support against Dr. Norris.—ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH.

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Rev. P. H. Young of Roxie recently sent in a list of new and renewal subscriptions for Hamburg Church. Friends like that have helped the Baptist Record reach its present high mark in circulation.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

PHILADELPHIA

While Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia, was assisting Dr. F. M. Powell in a meeting at Calvary Church, Tupelo, we preached to the saints at Philadelphia.

As always, the house was full of people. The welcome they gave us was their usual cordial one.

There is much sentiment for building as the need is great. The building fund now totals \$56,724.

Dr. R. G. Lee is to lead in a revival meeting June 1-8.

Baptist Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: CHOCATOWAS 359, BLACK JACK 25 Bluff Springs 1, COLDWATER 45, County Line 2, DIXON 25, EMMANUEL 18, Good Hope 1, HOPE 36, Linwood 12, McDonald 3, NESHOBIA 52, Oak Grove 16, PHILADELPHIA FIRST 274, Antioch 1, SARDIS 27, New Hope 4, SPRING CREEK 25, NEW HARMONY 28, Laurel Hill 11, HIGH HILL 28 Bethsaida 16.

WEST HEIGHTS, PONTOTOC

Associational Missionary R. B. Patterson believes in starting a church in the right way. He recently assisted in organizing the West Heights church in West Pontotoc and started them with the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Mrs. Murray Jernigan is the church treasurer, who sent the EVERY FAMILY list of 16.

Pontotoc County now has Record readers listed as follows: Algoma 1, CHERRY CREEK 49, Duncan Creek 3, Ecru 7, FURS 33, LONGVIEW 73, PONTOTOC FIRST 167, Randolph 2, TOCOPOLA 31, TOXISH 27, Zion 19, Carey Springs 1, CENTER HILL 15, ENDVILLE 28, Troy 1, WEST HEIGHTS 16.

VAN WINKLE, JACKSON

Van Winkle Church in suburban Jackson, Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor, celebrated its ninth anniversary on May 4. They also dedicated to the service of the Lord the recently completed \$45,000 annex. An overflow crowd was present and almost everybody stayed for the sumptuous picnic style lunch which was served at the close of the morning program.

At the morning service Rev. M. E. Burnett, pastor of the Van Winkle Methodist Church, in behalf of his church presented a beautiful baptismal painting as an expression of thanks for the use of the Baptist auditorium while the Methodist Church was under construction.

Other features of the morning program were: Presentation of Keys to the educational building by G. H. Hagon, construction superintendent; Acceptance of Keys by Charles Schelb, architect who planned the annex, and an inspiring sermon by Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Pastor Emeritus of the First Church, Jackson, spoke at the evening service.

The church bulletin reveals the following facts: Additions during the past year 150; present membership 506.

During the past year the Sunday School enrollment has increased from 275 to 426, the Training Union enrollment from 80 to 179, and the WMU enrollment from 30 to 54.

Record readers in Hinds County are

Aaron Traham Called To James and Glen Allen

Rev. Aaron Traham, student at the New Orleans Theological Seminary, has accepted the Churches at James and Allen in Deer Creek Association. These churches were formally served by Rev. E. C. Farr who is now a student at the Seminary in New Orleans. Rev. Traham was born at Johnson Bayou, La., Dec. 25, 1923. At the age of 7 he was converted in Orange Tex-



REV. AARON TRAHAM

as. In a revival meeting in 1940 he surrendered to preach. After graduating from Acadia Baptist Academy at Church Point, La., he entered La. College. While a student at La. College Rev. Traham served the Richey Church as pastor and the Johnson Bayou Church. Having done much supply work and spent several years in the pastorate, Rev. Traham comes to these churches prepared to lead them into greater achievements.

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CHAPLAINS ARE NEEDED

The U. S. Naval Reserve is calling for twenty-five (25) Southern Baptist Chaplains. We are short this number on our quota NOW. Nine (9) additional Navy chaplains will be separated from the service on July 1. Qualified applicants will be appointed to the Naval Reserve from former Navy chaplains and from new applicants.

The U. S. Army requests that former Army chaplains enlist in the Reserve. This makes possible the opportunity of keeping abreast with the current need and remaining qualified for emergency. The Southern Baptist quota of chaplains on duty in the Army is filled; yet, there is a dire need for additional reserves, and especially reserves applying for active duty.

Southern Baptist quota in the Veterans Administration chaplaincy is filled at present. As additional hospitals are authorized and patient load increases, a larger number of chaplains will be required.

If interested, write Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

now listed as follows: Mississippi Collag B.S.U. 241, BEULAH 45, BETHESDA 59, BOLTON 24, BYRAM 18, CALVARY 1,269, CHAPEL HILL 25, CLINTON 269, DANIEL 79, DAVIS MEMORIAL 120, EDWARDS 35, Griffith Memorial 4, JACKSON FIRST 1,001, LEARNED 18, NORTH SIDE 70, UTICA 68, ELRAINE 18, NEW HAVEN 31, MT. MORGAN 18, VAN WINKLE 187, TERRY 113, SALEM 29, SIWELL 35, MIDWAY 9.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

ROBERT ACCEPTS BROTHERHOOD SERVICE

Mr. W. R. Roberts, associate Sunday school secretary for the past two and one-half years, became Brotherhood secretary for Mississippi Baptists on the first of May.

The Sunday School Department gave him up reluctantly, of course, but we have always desired every one to serve in the place where he felt the Lord was leading. Mr. Roberts felt very definitely that this choosing was of the Lord and that this was the place for him to serve at this time. We would be the last one to say nay when one feels this way about a call to another place of service.

We commend him most highly to the Baptists of Mississippi as the new secretary of Brotherhood work. He is capable, energetic, consecrated, faithful, co-operative, affable, sincere, and ever eager to do his part in the great program of advancing Christ's kingdom in this world.

He has made the Sunday School

Department a competent and useful worker, and has grown rapidly in many ways during this short time with us. He is one who applies himself to properly achieve any undertaking assigned to him.

He is not only a capable worker, but he is also a pleasant associate. Our months together have been happy in the extreme and there has not been even the slightest cause of embarrassment between us in any way. Nothing has been said or done as we have worked together in a common cause that even remotely suggested an apology on the part of either.

Mississippi Baptists are fortunate indeed in having this young, eager, progressive, Christian gentleman to lead them as Brotherhood secretary.

The Lord's richest blessings upon him in this field of service. And we bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of our people as he leads out in the work of strengthening the Brotherhood.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT S.B.C.

(Continued From Page Two)

social relations, including the problems of marriage and the family, crime and juvenile delinquency, industrial relations, race relations, the alcohol problem, and other matters of social morality which press upon our people for a solution.

b. That any effective program along the above lines must of necessity be a continuous and a continuing program, which should be under the direction of an executive committee of seven members chosen by and from the Social Service Commission to be assisted by qualified employed personnel.

2. That the Convention appoint a committee of nine to study the whole question of theological education in the light of suggestions concerning the establishment of a new theological seminary, and that the committee be instructed to bring a recommendation to the 1948 Convention.

3. Convention Budget Fund for 1948—

(1) That the minimum over-all Southwide goal for 1948 be ten million dollars.

(2) That we seek to raise \$7,500,000 of this amount through distributable Co-operative Program receipts in the anticipation that no less than \$2,500,000 of the total goal may be provided through designated gifts.

(3) That \$4,000,000 of the distributable Co-operative receipts be allocated among the agencies according to the following percentages:

Agency	Per Cent
Foreign Mission Board	46
Home Mission Board	18
Southern Seminary	5
Southwestern Seminary	5
New Orleans Seminary	5
W.M.U. Training School	1
American Seminary	2
Relief and Annuity Board	15
Radio Committee	1.9
Baptist Brotherhood	1
Southern Baptist Hospital	0.1
Total	100

(4) That all of the distributable Co-operative receipts above \$4,000,000 be allocated to the agencies for capital improvements according to the percentages which represent the ratio of balances due the respective agencies on the long range goals as defined by the survey committee in 1945.

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Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

May 19—Miss Elizabeth Purser, B.M.C. faculty; Mrs. Dona Brister, Matron Foster Building, Baptist Orphanage.

May 20—Dr. W. S. Hardin, member committee on Aged Ministers; Dr. J. W. Landrum, Madison County Convention Board member.

May 21—Dr. A. A. Witchings, Professor Mississippi College; Forrest Cooper, member Board of Trustees, Baptist Orphanage.

May 22—Mrs. R. Batson, Trustee Mississippi Woman's College; A. L. Gatewood, Leflore County Convention Board Member.

May 23—Jr. R. A. Camp, May 26-31; Rev. Chester Quarles, Committee on Social Service.

May 24—P. M. B. Self, Trustee Baptist Foundation; H. B. Bishop, Scott County Convention Board member.

May 25—Intermediate R. A. Camp, June 2-7; M. Latimer, member Board of Ministerial Education.

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The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: W. P. Blair, Newton; Miss Eva Frances Dixon and Miss Peggy Holder, Jackson; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Summit; L. C. Wilson, Conehatta; Rev. A. O. Jenkins, Conehatta; Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Lindsey, Tylerston; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Clifton, Jackson; Mrs. H. G. Hudson and Joe Hudson, Clinton; Rev. S. G. Pope, Sondheimer, La.; Rev. Wm. F. Garner, Fort Worth, Texas.

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RETREAT REACTIONS GIVEN

Regarding the Spring Retreat at Sunflower Jr. College, Moorhead, let me quote from President of the College, W. B. Horton's recent letter: "... We certainly enjoyed their being on the campus. That group was one of the finest I have ever seen in a meeting. I believe that we will receive great blessings from their being here, and we hope that they receive a blessing by being here. If there is anything we can do at some future date to be of service to your organization, feel free to call on us." Mrs. Edgar Glover, BSU Secretary for Pearl River Jr. College, writes: "We gained many things that will help us to be better workers on our campus." From Powell Ogle-tree, new State Social Vice-President, who hails from Miss. Southern, comes these words: "... so far as the Mississippi Southern delegation was concerned, the Spring Retreat was a great success. Each one who went reported on his trip... and these reports made the ones who didn't go wish that they could have been there with us. I hope that we can put to use what we gained there and I know that each of us who attended will have a greater desire to do more for the Lord on our campus." Frank Moak, of Ole Miss., our retiring State President, writes: "I was

very delighted over the fine way in which the Retreat went off, and I am sure it was due to the interest and cooperation of all B.S.U.'ers... I believe we have a very good group of state officers for next year and I wish them much success. Miss Margaret McClellan, BSU Secretary for MSCW, writes: "Everything went off beautifully... Our Retreat surely did end on a high spiritual plane, didn't it? We went away truly lifted up." And from Miss Marian Leavell, BSU Secretary for Ole Miss, comes these words: "It was good, and I am sure that all who attended enjoyed it." May I add that I am grateful to God for the blessings I, too, received at the Retreat.

Miscellanea

A BTU party at First Church, Jackson; a very excellent BSU banquet at Miss. College during which our mutual friend Bob Denny brought a very practicable address and diffused his usual good and much-enjoyed humor, and the supplying of the pulpit at Brier Hill Church on a Sunday morning constitute my peregrinations of late. All were thoroughly enjoyed... 24 Ridgecrest registration fees have been received, leaving 191 in our quota. So far, thirteen from Jones Jr. are going.

PETER LOTT

Whereas on October 27, 1946, Peter Lott, a loyal member of the Wiggins, Baptist Church, deacon, and humble Christian was suddenly called from our midst by our Heavenly Father, and

WHEREAS in his going leaves a large vacancy in our organization, and while we shall miss this true servant of our Lord from our church life, yet we submit to the will of our Lord in his infinite wisdom, who knows and does all things best.

THEREFORE; be it resolved that we express our thanks to God for Brother Lott's life while among us, and second that we pledge ourselves to carry on in the spirit of Christ and cherish the memory of his fellowship and consecrated life. Be it further resolved that we extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and prayers.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Wiggins Baptist Church, a copy sent to his family and a copy for publication in the Baptist Record, and in the Stone County Enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,
H. V. REDFIELD
D. L. COULTER
C. A. ISAACSON
Resolutions committee.

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THE SCAR by Charles H. Holding is a dramatic story of a young doctor who is caught in the meshes of his thirst for liquor and his God-fearing wife who watched his dissipations with alarm. Attempting with love and patience to rescue her surgeon-husband from the evil of alcoholism, tragedy comes as her life is taken in a fatal automobile accident. The young son carries on his mother's battle against intoxicants. The publishers are Wm. B. Eerdman's Publishing Company, Grand Rapids 3, Michigan. Order for \$1.25 from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 11, 1947

S. S. B.T.U.

Crystal Springs	436	86
Glenfield, Union County	70	40
Center, Union County	136	68
Houkla	81	32
Pickens	67	
East McComb	361	227
Tupelo, Calvary	326	73
Eastside, Rankin County	92	60
Antioch, Lawrence County	37	
Gulfport, First	538	131
Pascagoula, First	641	112
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	392	140
Darling	39	34
Byram	64	72
Enon, Panola County	67	54
Boyle	227	97
Hebron, Yazoo County	56	91
New Zion, Copiah County	125	
Brookhaven	654	124
Paul Truitt, Rankin County	92	62
Soso	101	72
Center Ridge, Yazoo County	45	
Jackson, Calvary	1,371	302
Jackson, Calvary, including		
Stone St. Mission	1,426	340
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	418	257
Jackson, Northside	242	68
Jackson, Van Winkle	245	148
Jackson, Southside	140	95
Jackson, Parkway	440	211
Laurel, First	561	161
New Albany, First	565	599
New Albany, First including		
North Side Mission	599	
West Laurel	443	94
Tocowa, Panola County	40	26
Providence, Forrest County	113	90
Wellman, Lincoln County	76	90
Booneville	231	103
May 4, 1947		
Picayune, Goodyear	146	69
Laurel, Beacon	229	92
Glenfield, Union County	68	46
Tupelo, Harrisburg	314	122
Tocowa, Panola County	23	34
Corinth, Tate Street	202	
Providence, Tippah County	62	

Harold Jordan Ordained To Gospel Ministry

Harold Jordan of Jackson, son of Mrs. J. B. Jordan of Koskiusko, was ordained to the full gospel ministry in an impressive service in Second Baptist Church, Bainbridge, Georgia, on March 4.

The presbytery was composed of ministers and deacons of the Second Church and nearby churches. Charles G. Bishop, pastor of Second Church, served as Moderator of the presbytery. Rev. J. Rogers Lang presented the Bible and Rev. J. Charlie Monk, Jr., gave the charge. Other ministers participating in the ordination were L. A. Phillips and I. J. Thompson.

At the request of the presbytery



the candidate preached the ordination sermon using as his text Titus 2: 11-14.

The Rev. Jordan is a B. A. graduate, with the class of 1941, of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee. Since graduation Mr. Jordan has headed Youth For Christ work in Mississippi. Speaking at first in the schools of the state, the Rev. Jordan came to Jackson about two years ago to launch Jackson Youth For Christ.

Mr. Jordan will continue his work with Youth For Christ and will be available for supply.

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County Line Church To Be Dedicated On May 18

The Construction of the County Line Baptist Church at Ovett, Route One, has been completed and dedication services will be held on May 18. The Rev. Julian Fagan, a former resident of the community, will bring the messages at both morning and afternoon services.

Construction of this church was begun three years ago, but due to lack of building material the program has been very slow.

County Line is one of the oldest churches in this section. Located in one of the most prosperous communities of the state it has a membership of 170. Under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Cothen the pastor, each organization of the church is continually growing.

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The First Baptist Church, Clinton, Kentucky, under the leadership of Rev. William P. Davis, Mississippian and Mississippi College graduate, has had 58 additions during the past year. Recently Dr. L. C. Marney, pastor of Immanuel Church, Paducah, led in a revival meeting with Rev. Byron Fletcher of the Southern Seminary as song leader. There were 21 additions, 16 for baptism.



Department of Church Music
LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

JUNIPER GROVE BREAKS CHOIR RECORD

In the recent revival meeting at Juniper Grove Baptist Church 25 women occupied the choir platform each night, 15 men were in a special male section at one side, from 45 to 60 Young People attended every night in a special choir on the other side of the main platform, 35 Juniors and 10 Beginners sat in the first four pews in front of the platform at the left, 20 Primaries and 10 thirteen and fourteen-year-old Intermediates occupied the first two pews at the front of the platform on the left.

These choirs were present every night during the meeting. This is the largest number that I have seen in any group of choirs in any church in any state except in a county-wide tent meeting at Fort Worth, Texas with Dr. George W. Truett preaching and Dr. I. E. Reynolds in charge of the music.

J. D. Walker, Pastor at Calhoun City did the preaching and brought powerful messages at each service to a packed house every night.

Thirty-five people were received for baptism and were baptised in the beautiful lake in front of the church building.

D. Wade Smith is still one of the hardest working pastors in the state of Mississippi. If you do not want to work stay away from Juniper Grove Baptist Church.

SUMMER SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

We still have some open dates for summer schools of music. We have added several new teachers to our faculty giving us a total of 15 at this time. If you want a School of Music in your church, write us now and say that you will pay the teacher \$35 for a week's school giving us the date you prefer and other dates that could be accepted.

STATE LEADERSHIP MUSIC CONFERENCE, JUNE 29-JULY 4

Reservations are coming in for our State Leadership Music Conference. All musicians in Mississippi ought to be in this Conference. Eight outstanding musicians are to teach and lead and direct us during those days. Plan your vacation now to include this Conference.

In planning these days we want everything done possible that will help the individual and our plans are made accordingly.

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Clarke Students In Revival At Tucker's Crossing Church

Sunday night May 4, brought to a close one of the most inspiring weekend revivals ever held at Tucker's Crossing Baptist Church.

Services were conducted by, Rev. A. O. Jenkins, Rev. William Hearn, Rev. Tommy Fant, and Rev. Leroy Craven, All of Clarke Memorial College.

Special programs were rendered by Misses Louise Waddell, Irene Aguillard, and Messrs. Wallace McGill, and Oliver Landner also of Clarke College.

Miss Mary Tom Berry, B.T.U. Secretary from Jones County Jr., College, with a group of B.S.U. Students presented the closing program of the revival.

- Woman's Missionary Union -

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson



DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN

PREVIEW OF ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS

The missionaries at camp create more interest and implant more ideas than is often imagined. Listed here are a few of these inspiring characters whom Royal Ambassadors will come to know and admire this summer.

May 26-31—Dr. John D. Freeman will be in our state for this first R. A. Camp of the season. For several years, he was editor of Tennessee's state paper, *The Baptist Reflector*, later serving as editor of the *Western Recorder*, Kentucky's state paper. In the early part of 1946, Dr. Freeman was appointed by the Home Mission Board as a Field Worker in the Department of Rural Work, the capacity in which he is now serving. For this week and the week following, a national from Brazil, David Gomes, will be in camp. Mr. and Mrs. Gomes are now studying at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and plan to return to Brazil before long.

June 2-7—Rev. J. Christie Poole, native of Texas, and missionary in Ogbomosho, West Africa, will be one of the guests at camp. Another will be Rev. Lewis Hancock, Indian missionary to his own people in Oklahoma. Rev. Hancock is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and attended Southwestern Seminary. Two summers ago he was camp missionary for two R.A. groups, and all the campers will welcome his return for these two weeks.

June 9-14, 16-21—Among others, we have Mr. Gilbert Gimo, national from the Hawaiian Islands, for these and three other weeks. An interesting story accompanies his coming to the state. Readers of the "Commission" were attracted to missionary Tucker Callaway's article in the December issue entitled, "Committed to Your Care". He relates the departure of 7 Hawaiian boys to the United States, and appeals to us Americans to treat them in a Christian way. The sequel appeared several months later, written by Rev. W. E. King, pastor of University Baptist church, Abilene, Texas. Rev. King told of the splendid reception given four of these Hawaiian students who enrolled in the University there, and of the helpful service they had rendered in his church. "How good it would be to have one of these in camp", we thought, so we wrote Rev. King to help select one for us. His reply came soon. He indicated that he had dis-

cussed this with the four boys, they had made it a matter of prayer, and then proceeded to select the one who should come to Mississippi. It was difficult—ALL wanted to come! After much prayer and discussion, however, they drew lots three times, and Gilbert Gimo was chosen each time—he would represent them and Hawaii at R.A. camp! When this news came, we replied immediately the reason for requesting only one (traveling expenses for four from Abilene to Jackson would rather exceed the camp budget!). We mentioned, however, that we would be delighted to have all four if the others could manage the trip somehow. No word has come yet, so as far as we know, Gilbert Gimo will come to our state alone, even though this will be the first time the four have been separated since they arrived in the States.

June 23-28—A mission appointee, Dr. Henry Turlington, will be here then. For several years he has taught a class of Greek at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and was a favorite among the students. In September, he and his family will sail for Shanghai, China, where they will serve under our Foreign Mission Board.

For this week, and the next, we have Rev. George Wilson, Sioux Indian, who is now head of our Indian Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rev. Wilson has an extra-ordinary voice, appearing on the concert stage for 3 years, but the Lord called him to serve as a missionary and his great talent is now being used to draw others closer to the Master.

June 30-July 5—In addition to Rev. Wilson, Rev. John A. Parker will be in camp this week. Rev. Parker is on furlough from Chile, and is studying at Southwestern Seminary at present.

Many other helpers will camp with the R.A.'s this summer—Pastors, Associational Missionaries from our own state, college counselors, staff members, and state workers. All will be working together in order that these AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST may know their King better!

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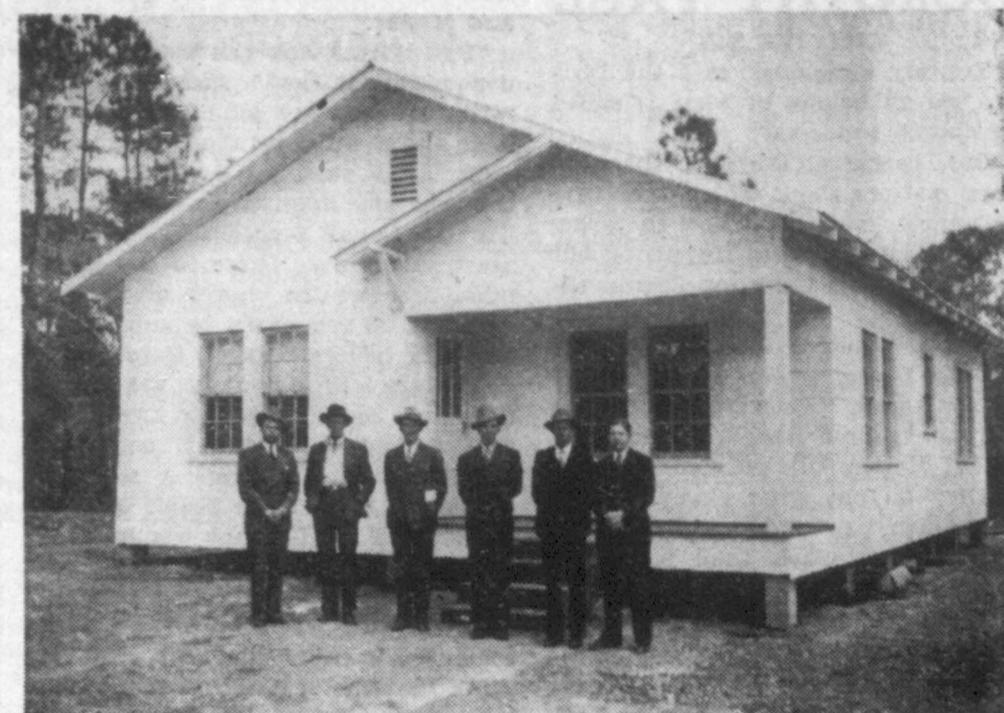
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Philadelphia Pastor's Home, Pastor And Deacons



Pastor's home of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Lincoln County. Shown in the picture, left to right: Rev. James Allgood, former pastor; Deacons G. W. Hilton, Edd Smith, Horace Golman, N. G. Hilton and the pastor, Rev. J. E. Drane.

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Philadelphia Church Dedicates Pastorium

Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County, dedicated a new pastor's home on March 30. The program was in charge of the pastor, Rev. James E. Drane.

A former pastor, Rev. James Allgood, and now pastor of Mt. Zion Church, delivered the dedicatory sermon. E. V. Catt had charge of the music. Others having parts on the program were: Edd Smith and Mrs. E. E. Durr.

Philadelphia Church with a membership of 125 has maintained full-time service since February 1946. A well-rounded church program including a mid-week service is promoted. The attendance is good and the finances are in good shape.

A bus which is owned by the church transports people to the church services.

Philadelphia Church has the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan and is one of Lincoln County's oldest churches.

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Dr. John W. Shepard, head of the department of New Testament Interpretation and Greek in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will retire voluntarily on July 1. He has been teaching in the New Orleans Seminary since 1930, before which he spent many useful years as missionary in South America. Dr. Shepard reached the age of voluntary retirement three years ago. He has requested retirement in order to give full time to writing a book, "Paul's Interpretation of the Christianity of Christ," which is to be a companion of his popular work, "The Christ of the Gospels." His home will be in College Park, Georgia. Dr. Shepard will be succeeded by his present associate, Dr. Frank Stagg, according to the announcement of President Roland Q. Leavell.

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Mrs. J. H. Tullos, whose address is Rt. 1, Hub, Mississippi, recently sent the EVERY FAMILY list from Spring Cottage Church, Marion County. Friends like this are invaluable to the Baptist Record.



Rev. James E. Drane, pastor of Philadelphia church, Lincoln Church. Under her leadership the church has gone to full-time service, a mid-week service inaugurated and a pastor's home erected. He is a graduate of Clarke College and has attended Mississippi College.

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G. A. Attendance Increased

Mrs. J. K. Alexander, leader of the Girl's Auxiliary of Itta Bena's First Baptist Church, has changed the time of her weekly meetings from the customary 4:00 p.m. to the lunch hour observed by the high school.

Her move has increased the average attendance in the group from four to nine, because the new time affords the girls who live in the rural communities opportunity to attend; whereas the old meeting time coincided with the scheduled departure of the school bus which carries the girls to their homes.

The girls bring their own sandwiches, meet at the leader's home, and have a full fifty minutes for the program. Hostess duties rotate among the members, and include furnishing drinks and cookies.

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Rev. James J. Horton recently sent an EVERY FAMILY list for Harmony Church, Lincoln County. Pastor Horton is a good friend of the Baptist Record. He writes concerning the Record, "Realizing the benefits of the Record in the homes of our people I am sending another list of names, this being my third EVERY FAMILY list". We need more Hortons.

DOROTHY PAGE

CHAPTER XIV

"Yes, my daughter," said the Doctor, "we all belong to what is called the church universal".

"But," continued Dorothy, "there are other matters about which there are differences, and this makes the army break up into different regiments; but we all still have the same Commander".

"You are quite a little theologian," said the Doctor with a smile. "May I ask my young theologian a question? How do you manage to swallow the Baptist doctrine of close communion?"

"They do not seem close in their communion," promptly replied Dorothy, "not any closer than you Presbyterians".

"You surely are a valiant defender. How do you prove that?"

"You believe, do you not, Doctor, that no one ought to come to your communion table who has not first been baptized?"

"Yes, that is our rule. I certainly would not advise one who has not been baptized to come to the table."

"The Baptists believe that, too."

"But the Baptists do not think I ought to come with them, and yet I have been baptized."

"Yes, but you have not been Scripturally baptized — so the Baptists think."

"But what have they to do with my baptism? I am satisfied with it. I believe it is Scriptural. I thought the Baptists contended for individual freedom in interpreting the Bible. I follow my conscience with my Bible and decide that I must be sprinkled and now you say the Baptists say I ought not to commune because I have not been baptized the way they prefer. In other words, the Baptists want me to interpret the Bible not as my conscience decides, but as their conscience decides. If I have followed my conscience about baptism, what more could you ask of me as to my baptism, and why should the Baptists therefore refuse me a place at their table?"

"Doctor, I don't think they refuse anybody a place at their table. I expect that is where so many people get the wrong idea about the close communion of the Baptists. Mr. Walton says that they keep no policeman at their table to keep people away. I think that is very important to remember. They believe that everybody must interpret the Bible according to his own conscience, but that does not mean that they think that everybody that does his will interpret the Bible as was originally intended. But they do leave it to every man's conscience."

"Ah, you are mistaken there, my little lady. That is just what the Baptists do not do. They do not leave it to other folks' conscience, but—"

At this point the Doctor turned to Mr. Walton and said:

"Mr. Walton, I think it is one of the calamities connected with the life of the Christian church today that so much of her energy is expended in arguing about differences rather than in discoursing on their agreements. I think denominationalism is a blight on Christianity, and if we could banish it and unite our forces, presenting a solid front to the enemy in heathen lands as well as in our own land, we

would sweep the field for our Lord and Master."

"But, Doctor, how can we get rid of denominationalism?" asked Dorothy. "Can we ever get all men to think alike and to interpret the Bible alike?"

"It is not that, my daughter," said the venerable man. "We must all have our individual peculiarities, but we must subordinate these to the great mission before the church of Christ."

"What do you mean by subordinating our beliefs?" asked Dorothy. "I do not see how it weakens the Christian army for Christians to have their own individual beliefs. It seems to me it makes Christians a stronger people for them to be people of conviction and not for each one to treat Christ's commands lightly. Let us not weaken at the point of conviction in order to strengthen at the point of courtesy and friendship. Why, I should think that the greatest success would come by each denomination pressing forward along its own convictions."

"Will you let me say," remarked Mr. Walton, "that I believe that the next epoch in the life of the Christian church will be a move not towards denominational unity that is so much talked about now, but rather towards an emphasized denominationalism in the highest sense of that term? The church in her march of conquest loses rather than gains in many of her attempts at union. Mark you, I do not say in all her attempts at union, but in many of them. True denominationalism means that the Christian church falls into certain divisions according to their interpretations of the Bible. The trouble with many efforts at Christian union is that the chief effort is not towards bringing the church to one view of the Bible truth, but the pressure for union is often along the line of expediency. A thousand times better is it for each denomination to press along the path of its own individual convictions as to Bible teaching; then will each denomination be stronger. There will be higher mutual respect. Some of these denominations may be, and undoubtedly are, mistaken in many of their views, but by such loyalty they at least exalt the Bible to the loftiest place. They put the emphasis on its study, and if true union ever comes it will come from such focusing of study on the Bible. Under the light of its teaching the denominations that are in error. Intenser denominationalism in the truest sense of that word is the secret of success. When the slogan is 'one denomination as good as another', the Bible truth fades into minor importance; expediency, custom and other current considerations assume control and Christianity is the loser. If each denomination surrenders its differences in order to come together, they may find after they have come together they have not much left that is worth coming together for. If they put a light value on some of Christ's commands, the danger is that they will come to look lightly upon all of Christ's commands."

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Philip Haight Martin, five-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Basil P. Martin of Marion, Arkansas, was run over by an automobile on May 3 and seriously injured. His right thigh was broken near the hip. Specialists from Campbell's Clinic set the limb and put it in a cast. The Rev. Martin was formerly pastor at Sturgis.

Vernon May Accepts Mt. Olive Pastorate



Rev. Vernon May has accepted the call to become pastor of Mt. Olive Church. He graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the Bachelor of Divinity degree, April 29. At the same time, Mrs. May received her Master of Religious Education degree.

Mr. May accepted the call to the Mt. Olive church last February and will live there permanently after May 1. Ordained to the ministry in 1944, the new pastor served as county superintendent of Education in Simpson County, taught vocational agriculture at Magee High School following graduation from Mississippi State College with his B.S. degree in 1936. Since his ordination, Mr. May has served Hathorn and Antioch churches near Prentiss, and Society Hill church at Oak Vale (Jeff Davis Co.). Since assuming the Mt. Olive pastorate there have been sixteen additions, fifteen by profession.

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The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Hospital were joint beneficiaries in the will of Miss Estie Duprec, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The estate was in Baton Rouge property mainly. The two institutions received \$64,468.20, which was divided equally between them. "The Seminary will use their part in the \$3,000,000 building fund for the new Seminary," said President Roland Q. Leavell. The Seminary hopes to build within three years on the new 75-acre campus purchased last February. Mr. Lowry B. Eastland, President of the Seminary Board of Trustees, was the executor of the estate.

Changes Among The Churches

By Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED

Roland Smith, Sharon, Atlanta, Ga.
L. L. Scott, Coyle, Okla., from Covington, Okla.

Ray McClurg, Second, Hot Springs, Ark., from Clinton, Okla.

E. F. Lewis, Youngstown, Fla., from Zalfo Springs, Fla.

E. B. Cahoon, Keysville, Va.
K. C. Baker, Second, Bartow, Fla., from Hopewell, Fla.

Sammie Crawford, Damascus, Copiah Co., Miss.

Robert E. Lambert, Dayton, Texas.
Edward Clark, Lockhart, Texas.

W. L. Crumpler, First, Luling, Texas from Louisville, Kentucky.

Nelson Ford, Batesville, Texas from Campbellton.

W. P. Brian, Wells Texas from Happy.
J. E. Roth, West, Texas from Old First Orange.

Jimmy Garrett, Roswell Street, Marietta, Ga., from Dyersburg, Tenn. (associate pastor).

D. W. Satterfield, Poe Church, Greenville, S. C., from Martin, Ga.

W. J. Self, Cherokee Heights, Macon, Georgia.

J. A. Timmerman, Second Street, Macon, Georgia.

J. W. "Bill" Marshall, President, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas from Personnel Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville, Fla.
Carl Noblett, Spade, Texas

Frank Faris, Tallyrand Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

John Paul Jones, Richmond, Texas from East Bernard.

GEO. W. Riddle, Pine Hill, Alabama from Assistant Editor, Alabama Baptist and pastor Thomas Church, Birmingham.

Ralph T. Wooton, Menard, Texas from Hutchins.

C. P. Smallwood, First, Steward, Okla.
Howard P. Giddens, Bainbridge, Georgia, from First, West Point Georgia.

John Cary, Amhurst, Texas.

Lee Furh, Enoch, Texas.

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Kansas, a pioneering state in the cause of prohibition, is made the butt of many jokes, because of its dry attitude. It is no joke, however, what Kansas has reaped as a result of its bone dry law. In Kansas there are 54 counties without any feeble minded; 96 counties without any poorhouses; 54 counties without any persons in jail; 56 counties without any representatives in the state penitentiary.—The Christian Observer.

B. P. Boggan recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Fellowship Church in Jasper County. Twenty-nine Records now go to this good church.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for May Eighteenth

A CRY FOR JUSTICE. Read Amos. I. The Prophet Amos. A country preacher from the wilderness of Tekoa, a sloping hillside land of desolate prospect, falling away down to the valley of the Dead Sea, beyond which can be seen the highlands beyond the sea. From the village of Tekoa, Amos went out to labor as a shepherd or as a "dresser of sycamore trees", that is, he climbed the trees or otherwise came within reach of the fruit on their branches and pinched or otherwise bruised the unripe fruit, a process necessary to make it ripe. When ripe, it was the food of the very poor.

Thus Amos was a poor man and servant of the poor. But he did travel, going to Jerusalem and to Samaria, it is thought that he went to attend the fairs or stock shows held in those cities. Amos was not born of a family of prophets, neither was he trained in a school of prophets, and his ministry illustrates the fact that God is not shut up to lines of human descent nor to institutions of learning for His witnesses but can and does select them whence and when He chooses. It may have been after he had led a flock of sheep to the city of Samaria and while he was attending the fair, that the spirit of prophecy came upon him and constrained him to give utterance to the words recorded in his manuscript.

Here is to me a surprising matter: Amos was the first writing prophet. Of course there had been prophets before him (Elijah, Elisha, Gad, Nathan), but none of them left any writing, so Amos is often called the first of the prophets because he was the first of the literary prophets, this countryman, this John Bunyan of the wilderness.

II. Outline of the Prophecy. I am giving the outline in Scofield's Reference Bible in the hope that you who read will use it and read the whole brief book of only nine short chapters. I. Judgments on the Cities Surrounding Palestine. 1:1-2:3. II. Judgments of Judah and Israel. 2:4-16. III. Jehovah's Controversy With "the whole family" of Jacob. 3:1-9:10. IV. The Future Glory of the Davidic Kingdom. 9:11-15.

III. Points in Particular. 1. The Voice of Protest. It was desert bred. So were the voices of Moses, Elijah and John the Baptist. The wilderness or desert was the scene of the temptation of Jesus, of the meditation of Paul. God has often spoken His great messages to men in the wilderness. This Amos chanced to live in a period of great material prosperity, when Jeroboam II, King of Israel, had brought his kingdom to the zenith of its glory. So Amos' warning of impending doom was most unwelcome. 2. An Exhortation to Serch. "Seek Jehovah, and ye shall live" 5:6. Man is a seeker, and his character may be judged by the object of his search. Once let a man catch a clear vision of God, and the problem that man presents is solved. The people who seek Jehovah find Him, and in the discovery they become purveyors of life to those who are dead in sin. 3. A Warning Against Spiritual Blindness. To neglect the quest for God is to lose all sight of



J. T. CHAPMAN

J. T. CHAPMAN ORDAINED

James T. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chapman of Hickory, was ordained on March 30 by Trinity Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The Rev. Chapman is a student at John McNeese Junior College in Lake Charles, La., and has been serving in the mission work of the Lake Charles Church.

Rev. E. Butler Abington, pastor of the church served as moderator of the presbytery and L. A. Stagg, Jr., was clerk. Others participating in the ordination were W. L. Stagg, Jr., H. H. O'Bier, H. C. Hooton, Jesse G. Norris, E. N. Burns, and C. F. McClure.

Him, to come to lack all vision of the best. And that in turn is to rot and waste away individually and collectively until the nation goes down in utter wreck. 4. Warning Against Formalism. Counterfeit worship, outward, formal service, empty shadows of the spiritual and truthful are always hated in the eyes of God.

IV. A Pathetic Illustration. Amos 7: 10-17. Read the account of the doings of Amaziah the priest and of Amos' reaction to them, and note: 1. The Devil Will Deceive and Make Use of the Religious Leaders. Here was the religious leader of the section, Priest of Bethel, he is called, plotting to get rid of this plain-spoken country prophet. So how shrewdly he goes about it. He sends to the king and accuses Amos of speaking such words as the land cannot stand. His word to the king is a suggestion that Amos be banished from the country. Next, he assumes the task of carrying the decree of banishment into effect. He goes to Amos and advises him to go back to the woods and preach to hillbillies, but not to impose his hayseed harangues upon the cultured company of the king's court. II. Religious Leaders Who Yield Themselves for Service to the Devil Will Be Destroyed Without Remedy. Now mark the words of Amos to this poor compromiser. 1. Amaziah's wife will be debauched. 2. His children will be slain. 3. His king will be murdered. 4. His nation will be destroyed. 5. He will die a captive in a foreign land.

V. A Sunbright Promise of Future Glory. Amos 9:11-15. A noted scholar of the past generation denied that these closing verses belonged to the prophecy, but that they were an addition by a later writer. My answer is that the prophecy must end on this high note, or it is not like God.

Kathryn Jewell Leads BSU At Blue Mountain College, Mary Johnson Elected 1st VP

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 29—Kathryn Jewell, Meridian, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union Council of Blue Mountain College for 1947-48. Sunday, the new officers were installed. The Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church congregation and the students adjourned to Broach Hall where impressive exercises were held on the lawn. Rev. J. H. Street of Jackson delivered the installation message.

Other officers elected are: First Vice-President, Mary Ruth Johnson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Second Vice-President, Betty Brush, Nashville, Tenn.; Third Vice-President, Blanche Ellen Darr, Clinton, S.C.; Fourth Vice-President, Merna Jean Hocum, Memphis, Tenn.; Secretary, Dorothy Louise Smith, Memphis, Tenn.; Treasurer, Bessie Mae Evers, Jackson; Publicity Director, Ruth Swann, Statesville, N.C.; YWA President, Laurella Owens, Clanton, Ala.; BTU President, Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn.; S.S. Superintendent, Beverly Hodges, Meridian; Life Service Group, Clyde Whiteside, Winborn; Music Director, Charla Walters, Laurel; Pianist, Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City; Art Director, Margaret Thompson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Student Government Representative, Jean Yates, Houston, Texas; Methodist Representative, Ann Summers, Olive

APPRECIATES BOOK STORE

I'm glad we have a new Book Store, but I'm gladder we have the same manager.

The only thing missing in the opening service on April 28 was a word of appreciation for Mrs. Jones from patrons of the book store. Therefore, I'm taking this opportunity to express my feelings and I'm sure the feelings of many others.

In the past I've been in a position to buy from Baptist Book stores of two other states and they were fine—but I cannot help but have a different feeling toward Mississippi's store because of the attitude shown by Mrs. Jones on all occasions. When the customer makes a mistake, she is considerate and courteous. When the book store makes a mistake she is willing to admit it and correct it. In all the contacts I've had with her she has always shown a fine Christian spirit.

Yes, I'm glad we have a new store, but I'm glad Mrs. Jones is still manager.—MRS. L. R. ALFORD.

Branch: Local Representative, Bess Ann Smith, Blue Mountain; Class Representative, Betty Chong, Wahiaawa, Cahu, T. H.; Faculty Representative, Prof. A. M. Donnell, Blue Mountain; Pastor Adviser, Rev. C. J. Smyly, Blue Mountain; and Student Secretary, Miss Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain.

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PINE GROVE, JONES CO., HAS IMPRESSIVE SERVICE WHEN STUDY COURSE AWARDS ARE PRESENTED

Thanks to Mrs. J. C. Martin, director of the Pine Grove Training Union, Jones Co., for a report on their study course and especially the awarding of the diplomas and seals. Mrs. Martin refers to it as a "beautiful service". 44 members received awards, the youngest member being an eight year old, just ready to go into the Junior Union, the oldest a member 58 years old, thus shows how the Training Union reaches all ages.

GRENADA HAS MISSIONARY McCORMICK IN STUDY COURSE

Mrs. Ruby Hudson, director of the Grenada church, reporting on their recent study course says it was a great week for them. The Training Union enrollment has gone to 151, a new union for young married couples was organized, and Family Altars are being established throughout the Training Union. It was their pleasure to have as guest speaker during the study course Missionary H. P. McCormick. Brother McCormick has for some years been a missionary to Africa but sails about June first with his family to Hawaii to continue his missionary work.

Lebanon rings the bell again as 488 individuals were counted on the inside of the house at their last Associational Training Union meeting which met at the Fifth Ave., Hattiesburg church. Many were on the outside of the building as the auditorium was too small to accommodate the crowd. It was the time for their elimination contests, as they get ready for the District Convention meeting for that district at 1st Hattiesburg June 10th. Recently this association had a study course for the officers. They are right on the verge of reaching the standard, lacking in only one point, number of unions taking a study course. They are working

on this and by the first of July will no doubt be standard.

Starkville young people studied HONORING THE DEACONSHIP one of our Adult course books at a recent study course in which Dr. I. E. Rouse served as teacher. There were 42 in this class, mostly boys but a few girls who will make good "deaconesses" or "deacon managers". We commend Educational Director Ben Seitz on arranging such a class.

Glad to welcome a new Training Union at DeKalb, reported by Miss Helen Harmon who was elected president of the Young People's Union.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(1) Juniors (2) All Others

- Sun. (1) Heb. 11:1-11 (2) Gen. 12:1-3
- Mon. (1) Heb. 11:8-16 (2) Psm. 67
- Tu. (1) I John 5:1-3 (2) Isa. 2:2-5
- Wed. (1) Isa. 40:26-31 (2) Luke 9:1-6
- Th. (1) Gen. 22:1-12 (2) Acts 2:1-6
- Fri. (1) Rom. 1:13-19 (2) Eph. 3:8-11
- Sat. S.S. Lessons

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Refusal Of Building Permit For Sunday School Raises Tempest

GREENVILLE, Miss., —(RNS)— Refusal of the Mississippi Office of the Housing Expediter to approve a construction permit for a proposed Sunday school building for the Greenville First Baptist church has stirred a tempest here.

City officials, veterans' organizations and other groups have joined deacons of the church in petitioning District Manager A. G. McIntosh for a reversal of his decision.

McIntosh said the building application was refused because the architect declined to eliminate or substitute critical items called for in the building plans. "Enough critical material could be eliminated to provide for ten veterans' homes," he stated.

During the past year McIntosh's office has received applications for 94 churches and church buildings. Seventy-six of these have been approved, 17 rejected and one is still pending.

Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor of the church, told McIntosh that "your attitude suggests anti-Christian influence somewhere in your office."

Editor's note: Later information is that the First Church of Greenville has been given permission to build upon condition that some of the critical materials be not used.

MISS. COLLEGE Y. W. A. SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the Mississippi College Y.W.A. for 1947-48 have been elected and will be installed on May 5. They are: Betty Renshaw, president; Mary Ethel Griffin, vice-president; Ann Fullilove, secretary-treasurer; Joyee Van Osdel and Mary Warren, Cooperative Program Chairmen; Hilda Logan, mission study chairman; Voncille Leeke, stewardship chairman; Gloria Haynie, music chairman; Hilda Smith, Window chairman; Jean Dosssett, social chairman; Gwendolyn Compere, devotional chairman; Geneva Davis, community missions chairman; Betty Coney, publicity chairman. Circle chairmen are: Barbara Given, Frances McCullough, Eva Lois Beard, Gloria Smith and Myra Gulledge.

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AN OFT-REPEATED DREAM

By Rev. Bryan Simmons

My father-in-law dreamed three times that he bored a well in his front yard and found water. Although he had dug wells in the back yard without success, he followed his dream and found water a reasonable distance from the surface. A day-dream has recurred to my mind many times within the past five years and I am telling it now with the hope that it may come true. I have dreamed of the Orphanage setting aside a strip of ground parallel with the street on the east side of the Orphanage grounds for the erection of duplex apartments to be used by Retired Ministers and their wives. One time a good woman gave a magnificent home in the Delta for this purpose; but Delta was not a very inviting word to old people in those days, so no one went and the property was returned to the donor. I can see many advantages in the proposition set forth in my day-dream.

It would afford such people an opportunity to see the denomination to which they had devoted their lives working at its best. It would put them in easy reach of the comforts and ministry needed often times in old age. It would prove a very necessary supplement to the small Retirement check coming to them each month.

Some of the children of the Orphanage would have an opportunity to get a near view of family life as they would go to visit or to render service to the retired couples. Most pastors' wives are good cooks, seamstresses and house-keepers and some of the girls could get training in family life. Some of these good women are excellent musicians and would gladly give lessons to the musically inclined. A portion of the commodities sent to the Orphanage could go into these pantries without hurt to the needs of the children of the Orphanage. You can think of many other good things that could come out of such an arrangement. I believe if the Orphanage would favor this proposition we could soon get enough donations for the first duplex and then let others come as needed.

Ask the Lord to tell you what he thinks about this matter and act accordingly.

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Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Church, Meridian will assist Pastor A. A. Jackson and the church at Lake in revival services May 25-30.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton

L. L. Jordan went from Plantersville to the pastorate at Bay, Ark., April 1.

Dr. W. A. Whittle, once pastor at Blue Mountain died last week at Stuttgart, Arkansas, where he was serving as pastor. His funeral was conducted by Rev. R. A. Eddleman of Lonoke, Ark.

Pastor G. C. Hodge of Fayette was assisted by J. B. Polk of Clinton in the ordination of Brethren H. B. Mullins and H. A. Reynolds as Deacons of the Fayette Church on the night of the third Sunday in March.

The editor had the pleasure of preaching to old friends in Pelahatchie Sunday morning. The Sunday school put on the program for Missionary Day and made a fine offering to the work. The people are delighted with their new pastor, R. L. Wallace.

In a personal letter Rev. B. E. Phillips of New Hebron, tells us that a fine young lady took up her residence in his home a few days ago. Mother and child doing nicely.

Fussy Old Lady: "I want two good seats for this afternoon, in the coolest part of the house."

Ticket Agent: "All right Madam, here are two in Z row."

"Well, Bill," asked a neighbor.

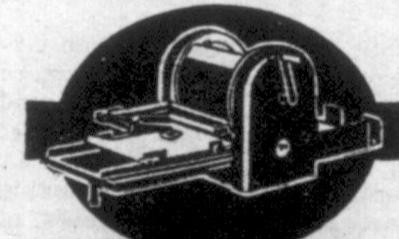
"Hear the boss has a fever? How's his temperature today?"

The hired man scratched his head and decided not to commit himself.

"Tain't for me to say" replied Bill

"He died last night."—The American Legion Weekly.

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THRONGS THRILLED BY CRISWELL'S MESSAGE

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ness, deliverance, is procured by the death of the lamb. There is no more remembrance of sins. The redemption... is eternal."

He Ascended

After the atonement and resurrection, said the speaker, "Our Lord ascended... that He might be our all-sufficient Mediator and High Priest." He continued, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:14-16).

"It is sometimes thought that for a limited period and for a definite purpose our Lord took part in frail humanity, but that when that purpose was achieved the man forever perished and the Lord ascended, a testimony of those who saw him! With what pains do the Scriptures set forth "the many infallible groups" by which he showed himself the same Jesus alive after his passion. The beloved disciple in the empty tomb recognized the way he folded a napkin, "and he saw and believed." Mary recognized the way he pronounced her name, and cried "My Master!" The two disciples at Emmaus recognized the way he pronounced the blessing at the table, and they echoed the glad refrain, "The Lord is risen indeed." Thomas looked at the print of the nails in his hands, beheld the scar in his side and said, "My Lord and my God." And when they yet believed not for joy, he said, "Handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." And he said, "Have ye here any meat? And he did eat before them." John saw him in the grey mist of the early morning standing by the sea of Galilee, and he cried to his friend, Simon Peter, "It is the Lord." The same Lord from heaven John saw again on the Isle of Patmos, who also laid his hand upon the beloved disciple and repeated the familiar words, "Fear not." He is the same Jesus. He took upon him our nature and that human nature he assumed in Bethlehem's cradle he never relinquished nor laid aside. In that nature he rose again; in that same body, no longer the body of humiliation but the body of his glory, he ascended into heaven, forever God, forever man. Forever Bodman, he reigns in heaven. The humanity of Jesus is now enthroned in glory. He that sits upon the throne is our kinsman. He is one with us by a link which can never be severed. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2:14,11)."

Hope and Comfort For All

Dr. Criswell declared this teaching held hope and comfort for all men, and urged that children of God come close to the Father in all circumstances of life.

Rising to a triumphant climax, he painted the picture of the coming Christ, when He shall be for believers, the all-sufficient Lord and King.

Of that great day, the speaker said, in part, "He is surely coming. "For

Laurel Intermediates Visit Baptist Institutions

Twenty-nine Intermediate boys and girls from Second Avenue Church, Laurel, with their superintendent and leaders visited all departments in the Baptist Building and attended the staff prayer meeting at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, May 10.

Other places of interest to Baptists visited were the Baptist Hospital, the new Baptist Book Store, the Baptist Orphanage and Camp Garaywa, near Clinton.

Adult leaders accompanying the boys and girls in the chartered bus were Mrs. L. D. Burkett, superintendent, and Mrs. O. A. Wilson and Mrs. Omega Brown, teachers. Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Street joined the group for lunch at Livingston Park. Mr. Street has recently accepted the pastorate of the church, but has not yet moved his residence to Laurel.

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A recent law in Panama taxes all church property except that owned by Roman Catholics. In Colombia under its new conservative Catholic government the Colombian minister of education and the minister of education in every state are active Roman Catholics. In Peru under the liberal Apra party, on the other hand, conditions have improved for Protestants, in spite of the strength of the army and the priests. Persecution of Protestants in Brazil, however, has been intensified.—Converted Catholic Magazine

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Mrs. A. L. Johnston of Sunrise Church, Leake County, recently sent an **EVERY FAMILY** list from that good church. And she enclosed payment for a year. Such friends have enabled the Baptist Record to reach an all-time high in circulation.

yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will tarry" (Heb. 10:37). "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:3). "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go" (Acts 1:11). "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints" (2 Thess. 1:7,10). "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints" (Jude 14)."

Oppression Shall Cease

Recounting the blessings that are in store for all His children, Dr. Criswell mentioned the new home in the heavenly city, the new and unending life of peace and blessedness. Bringing to a conclusion the great message he declared: "Oppression shall cease from among men and the voice of cruelty shall no longer be heard. Our great Lord and King shall rule in every heart and life. The will of God shall rule in every heart and life. The will of God shall be done in earth as it is in heaven. The nations shall walk in the name of the Lord forever. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:3). "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:6-9). "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 11:15; 22:20).

New Baptist Book Store Dedicated



The Baptist Book Store had its formal opening at the new location 113 North President St., April 29. A brief dedicatory service was held at 10:30 with many friends present from over the state as well as Jackson.

Mr. Harold E. Ingraham, Business Manager of the Sunday School Board, presided. The music was led by Rev. Albert Sidney Johnston, pastor of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, after which Rev. S. W. Valentine, Southside Baptist Church, led in prayer. Dr. Norman Price, Parkway Baptist Church, read the scripture. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, First Baptist Church spoke on what the Baptist Book Store

means to the pastors of the state. Dr. D. A. McCall told about the cooperation of the Book Store with the State Mission Program.

Mr. Ingraham presented a challenging picture of the place this store occupies along with the other thirty-one in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Claude B. Bowen of Calvary Baptist Church brought the message of dedication and also the dedicatory prayer with the entire store staff gathered around the Bible case, which is in the very center of the store. The Book Store is now able to render a wider service over the state.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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message and go to heaven, or you may stay away and go to hell."

Did he tell the truth, or is his charge a libel? Remember the words of Sankey's deathless hymn:

"There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold;
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold—
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care;
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.
"Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine;
Are they not enough for thee?"
But the Shepherd made answer: "This of mine,
Has wandered away from me,
And although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep;
I go to the desert to find my sheep."
"But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed;
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through,
Ere he found his sheep that was lost;
Out in the desert he heard its cry,
Sick and helpless and ready to die;
Sick and helpless and ready to die.
"Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way,
That mark out the mountain's track?"
They were shed for one who had gone astray,
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back.
"Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?"
They're pierced tonight by many a thorn;
They're pierced tonight by many a thorn:
"But all through the mountains, thunderriven,
And up from the rocky steep,
There arose a glad cry to the gate of heaven,
'Rejoice, I have found my sheep!'
And the angels echoed around the throne,
'Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!
Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own.'"

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In sending in the **EVERY FAMILY** list from Logtown Church, Mrs. Ed DeVore wrote: "We think the Record is necessary for our progress".

Miss Nellie Chandler, church clerk of Gum Branch Church in Winston County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Record.

Alabama Baptists have voted to consolidate Judson and Howard in one college in Birmingham to be known as the Baptist University of Alabama.

Total mission gifts through the Executive Committee total \$2,902,622.48 for the first four months of 1947 as compared with \$2,671,097.28 in 1946.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT S.B.C.

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4. Convention Operating Budget for 1948:

(1) That the Convention Operating Budget for 1948 be as follows:

Executive Committee	\$ 60,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	2,000
Convention	
Expense including Annual	30,000
Expense of Special Committees	5,000
Social Service Commission	10,000
Education Commission	4,800
Committee on Baptist History	2,000
Public Relations Committee	*10,000
Baptist World Alliance	6,000
Total	\$129,800

*This with the understanding that the Northern Baptist Convention will contribute \$6,000 annually beginning May 1, 1947, and \$7,000 annually beginning May 1, 1948.

(2) That the Sunday School Board pay \$60,000 of the amount required for the Convention Operating Budget and that the remaining \$69,800 be provided out of distributable funds.

Dr. Frank Tripp of Alabama in behalf of the Executive Committee presented a parchment expressing the appreciation of the Executive Committee and the Convention for his years of service as Director of Promotion. Dr. Dillard retires July First.

The Home Board Reports Progress

All of Thursday night's program was given to a presentation of the work of the Home Mission Board. The Executive Secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, was in charge. "The field of service now stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific," said Dr. Lawrence, and also includes the four Western provinces of Cuba, the Canal Zone, Panama and Costa Rica. In this territory there are 62,000,000 people, 30,000,000 of whom are unchurched.

"In recent years, the Board has added to the departments of work which it formerly maintained, seven new departments: city missions, rural missions, church schools of missions, summer student work, visual education, radio in Cuba, to the Spanish-speaking people in Texas and New Mexico, and the Good News Hour, an evangelistic radio program, which is going out over fifty stations from Washington, D.C., to California, each week.

"The Board is now operating in twenty fields of service, touching every group in our homeland and reaching into every field of need. It is necessary only to extend each of these departments to the saturation point to cover completely the homeland with the Gospel.

"The Board at last has a permanent home in its own building. After making a careful search for a suitable place, the Board purchased a splendid building at 494 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta. This building was too far from the down-town section for convenience. We sold this building for a profit, including the net rents, of over \$40,000, and purchased a building at 161 Spring St., N.W. for \$200,000, which was in every way what we needed as a headquarters.

"The building we purchased is three-stories, fire proof and planned for eight stories. The Home Mission Board occupies the second floor. For the first time in its history, the Board is adequately housed for its work. It is now receiving its rent free, which would amount to \$10,500 a year, and the rentals from the other two floors will net right at 3% on the total investment. When the other five stories are built, the rentals for the building a the present rental rate will pay the entire overhead operating expenses of the Home Mission Board and give, in addition, a net income on the total investment of at least 2 1/2%.

"The Board acknowledges its profound gratitude and obligation to the missionary-minded women of the South who

have been so generous in their contributions in the Annie Armstrong Offering to Home Missions. The receipts from this offering in 1946 were \$517,915.12. The gifts of money, however, are not the largest contribution which our women make to home missions. The prayers that ascend from all sections of our territory during the Week of Prayer are the richest contribution which Woman's Missionary Union makes to the advancement of Home missions. Only eternity can measure the value of these petitions that go up to a Throne of Grace."

1946 A Prosperous Year

Dr. Lawrence also said that 1946 was one of the most prosperous in the Board's history. As indicated by the following figures: Number of missionaries (including 203 summer workers) - 920. New missionaries - 87. Conversions - 27,474. New missions opened - 361. New churches organized - 131. Churches, chapels built or improved - 74.

Dr. Frank Tripp, newly elected superintendent, presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital. Extracts from the report follow:

"During 1946 we admitted 26,852 patients and gave them 143,987 days of service. Eight hundred and thirty-five persons were given 9,596 days of free service at a cost to the Hospital of \$74,655.72. There were 2,856 live births, and 4,302 emergency cases which were not hospitalized. Thirty-eight young women were graduated from the School of Nursing, and 14 young doctors completed their fifth year in medical education. Our operating income was \$1,609,827.13; gifts were \$7,245.99; rents, etc., \$1,691.57; thus making our gross income for the year \$1,618,764.69. We paid all operating expenses; including cost of the free work, paid \$1,553.72 on capital expenditures; and closed the year with a substantial surplus.

For Others

"We cared for 47 missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, 14 missionaries of the Home Mission Board, 59 young women from the Home Board's Emergency Home for unmarried mothers; several babies from the Protestant Home for Babies; and 23 workers for Baptist State Boards. In all, these denominational services cost us \$10,168.51, which is a direct contribution to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also cared for eight young women from the Mercy Memorial Home, a Methodist institution for the care of young unmarried mothers. These were exceptional cases which could not be handled in the Home's own delivery rooms."

The Hospital report recommended and the Convention approved that the Southern Baptist Hospital accept the proposed gift of the Baptist Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, and the proposal of Jacksonville, Florida, Baptists to establish a hospital in that city. Jacksonville Baptists offer to contribute one million dollars and an adequate site for the first unit and to provide all funds necessary to the institution to a 300 bed unit.

Dr. Bristow Honored

Dr. Tripp also presented resolutions which had been previously adopted by the Hospital directors concerning the long and faithful service of Dr. Louis J. Bristow, who retired as superintendent on May first.

Religious Education and Music Workers were given consideration and the importance and sacredness of their work recognized in the adoption of the following resolutions:

"This convention hereby recognizes Religious Education and Sacred Music as religious vocations, suggests that the churches officially certify those men who give evidence of a divine call and purpose to give full time to these vocations, recommends that they be given such consideration as this status merits, and requests that the names of those so certified be printed in its annual directory."

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell gave the re-

port of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and presented the following recommendations which was adopted:

"We Recommend that the Convention record its approval of the building of a new plant by the New Orleans Seminary on the 75-acre site recently purchased on Gentilly Boulevard of New Orleans, with the understanding that this project may be developed within the regulations of the Convention's business and financial plan."

Dr. E. D. Head reported for Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller presented the Southern Seminary report and spoke on seminary education.

Dr. Walter P. Binns of Missouri presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations and submitted the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That we express our appreciation of the pledge which President Harry S. Truman made to Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and others, that he would recall Myron S. Taylor from the Vatican as soon as the peace treaties are signed. We hold that it was a violation of American policy for this representative ever to have been appointed and there is no valid reason for his continuation in the position he now occupies.

2. That we register our firm opposition to the passage by the Congress of any bill for Federal Aid to education which includes provision, directly or indirectly, for the application of public tax money to church schools.

3. That we call to the attention of all Baptist schools, hospitals and other Baptist institutions the danger of accepting grants of money from the government for buildings or equipment or for any other purpose. The acceptance of such grants upon any pretext whatever will weaken the Baptist witness in behalf of the principle of separation of church and state.

Dr. J. M. Dawson of Washington, executive secretary of the Joint Conference Committee of American Baptists, was applauded after he spoke vigorously in favor of the committee's report.

"Many people think of religious liberty as something that belonged to the days of Martin Luther, Roger Williams or Thomas Jefferson," he said.

Religious Liberty Alive

"But recent circumstances have conspired to make religious liberty more alive, more nearly paramount than ever before in human history."

Dr. Dawson asserted there was a "deplorable drift toward the union of church and state, resulting in dangerous encroachment on the Constitution and the sinister growth of clerical control over government."

Court Ruling

He predicted the Supreme Court, which upheld by 5 to 4 the New Jersey case for remuneration of parents for bus fare paid by their children en route to parochial schools, would reverse itself or modify its opinion in future cases on the same point.

Dr. Dawson said the Baptists were not impelled by any narrow, selfish bigoted spirit in their concern for separation of church and state, and said they wanted all religious groups to have equal rights.

"We demand the United States dissolve its official connections with the Pope by withdrawing Mr. Taylor from the Vatican," he said. "We protest federal or state appropriation of tax funds to sectarian purposes. We plead for our country to speak out on the

rights of people in religions around the world."

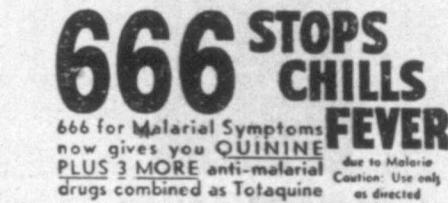
The Richmond-Dover Memorial was presented by Dr. Jas. H. Ivey of Richmond, Virginia and enthusiastically adopted.

Editor's Note: These resolutions were published in the Baptist Record in the issue of April 24 and an editorial concerning them appeared in last week's issue.

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Mrs. Rice Ainsworth recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Goodwater Church in Simpson County. The Baptist Record is grateful.

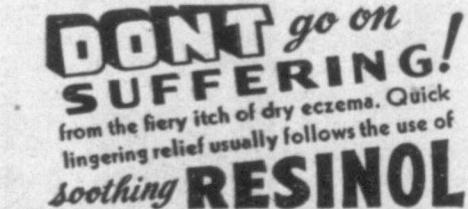


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ALBANY, N. Y. —(RNS)— Support of the Capper Bill (S. 265) to prohibit advertising of alcoholic beverages was urged here by the Capital District Baptist Ministers' Conference. The Conference also petitioned Henry R. Luce to discontinue his "widespread commercialization of the alcoholic beverage industry" through Time, Life and Fortune magazines, and commended the Gannett newspapers, the Curtis Publishing Co., and radio station WGY, Schenectady, N. Y., for refusal to accept such advertising.

For the first time since Presbyterianism was established in Scotland a public dance has been held on Sunday in Scotland.

MARCHING SIDE BY SIDE is the record of experiences and achievements of Lutheran chaplains—or rather, a record of the achievements of God through them. These soldiers of the cross are shown in almost every type of action. Colonial Karl W. F. Schleede, retired chaplain, writes that this volume holds tremendous appeal for Lutheran people everywhere. The book will be read with interest by parents, wives and sweethearts of servicemen. Order from the publishers, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri or from the Baptist Book Store for \$2.00.

YEAR OF THE TIGER by John Beechert is a dramatic story of China. Occurring every 12 years the Year of the Tiger brings terror to 400 million souls. To the house of Tsui this year held especial dread and ill omen. The loss of the merchant included everything he had, even his only daughter, to slavery. But the rescue of the infant daughter and her adoption into a Chinese Christian family made the year come to mean faith and hope rather than misfortune. Growing to adulthood, becoming a missionary herself and married to a Chinese missionary, the couple were separated by World War II, only to be reunited in the next YEAR OF THE TIGER. Order from



Childress Serves Lula Church Now

Rev. A. H. Childress, formerly pastor at Coffeyville, has moved to his new field at Lula, in Coahoma county. He will also serve as pastor of the Dundee church. The pastor's home had been redecorated, new heaters installed, the floors done over and other improvements made. The pantry was filled with good things to eat, before the new pastor arrived.

In speaking of the field, Rev. Childress said, "One cannot help noticing the fine character of work done by the former pastor, J. E. Kinsey during the years."

Leaving a fine group of Christian friends in Coffeyville was done with regret, since the four years spent there were very happy, he said.

BR— CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson was named as a member of the Committee on Committees.

Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Church, McComb was named on the Committee on time, place and preacher.

Said First Vice-President, Dr. R. C. Campbell of Little Rock, "It is unfair to take all the time allotted to a subject in reading the report and having no time for discussion."

And said Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, "The Executive Committee would be helpless without the state papers."

One of the very best addresses made at the Convention was by a negro, Dr. George D. Kelsey, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. The Convention requested the Sunday School Board to publish the address in pamphlet form.

The number of registered Messengers reached a new high—8372. The largest previous registration was 8359.

Said Dr. W. O. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance Secretary, "We couldn't have the Baptist World Alliance without the publicity of the State papers."

A resolution favoring universal military training for the United States was greeted with a chorus of "boos" and shouts of "We don't want it!" from all parts of the Convention Hall when it was introduced.

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L. L. Gowan recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions from McAdams. Every list helps.

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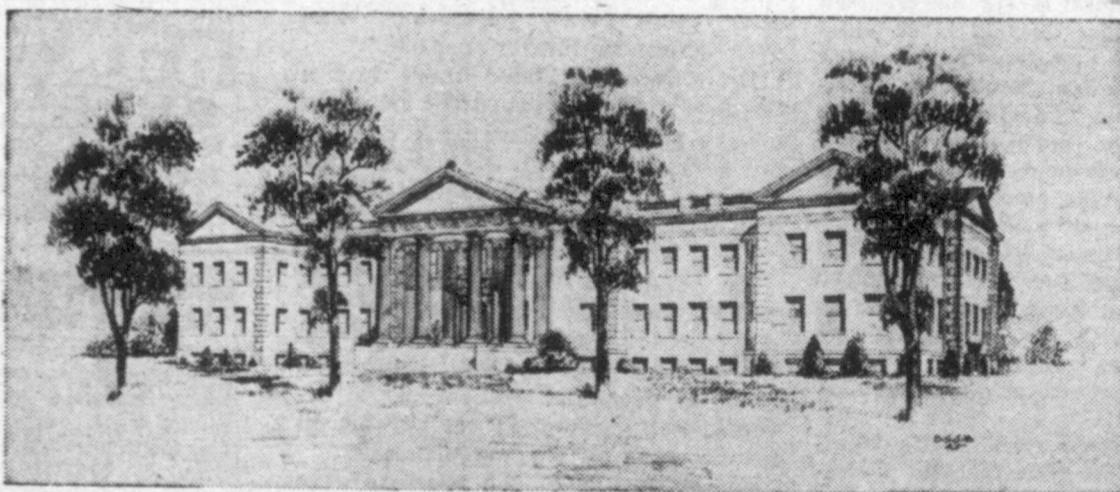
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